

## Donor drive set

Fort Story and the Dod Marrow Donor Center will hold a marrow registration drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday (today) at the Sandpiper Recreation Center on Fort Story.

The drive is being held in an effort to find a bone marrow match for Justin Thatcher, a 14-year-old from Virginia Beach who suffers from Leukemia.

All active duty military, active duty dependents, Department of Defense Civil Service employees, National Guard and drill personnel, ages 18 to 60 are eligible to participate in this drive.

For information contact Chaplain Jeff Dilard, 422-7381, or the Dod Marrow Donor Center, 1-800-MARROW 3.

## Quilt show

"Shirley's Cabin Fever," "Underground Railroad" and "Wheels of Whimsy" are some of the names of the fiber art on view Jan. 8 through Feb. 28 at the Francis Land House. The work of the \$4-40 African-American Quilters Guild reflects materials, patterns and symbols with a historical background, as well as more modern themes. Quilts, vests and wall hangings are among the 33 pieces on display. Two "round robin" quilts demonstrate the results of "quilting by mail" projects that were sent by members.

The quilts will be presented on Saturday, Jan. 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. to discuss their work. The quilt exhibit will be open at that time free of charge to the public. Call the Francis Land House, 431-4000, for more information.

## Gallery proposals

Virginia Beach Public Library Gallery is accepting proposals for the 2000-2001 year. Proposals are now accepted for solo and group shows. Only two-dimensional and wall hung arts are eligible. Work should be suitable for a public space. Submit six to eight slides, a resume, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of the slides to gallery coordinator, Virginia Beach Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, Va. 23452-1767. For information call, 427-4321.

## Meet the experts

Learn helpful hints for your family each month at Meet the Experts at Seateck Recreation Center. Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 18 and meeting the third Tuesday of every month, hear speakers present helpful information for your family. Topics are:

- Jan. 18, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service.
- Feb. 15, Children's Medical Security Insurance.
- March 21, Consumer Credit Counseling Services.

Sessions are free and open to the public. For more information call 437-4858.

## Scout search

Are you a former Girl Scout currently living in southeastern Virginia or northeastern North Carolina? In March the Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast will re-unite all former Girl Scouts from 1912 to the 1990s. Help connect the past, present and future by contacting the Scouts today.

For more information call, Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast 547-4405, ext. 283, or 1-800-77SCOUT for outlying areas. RSVP on line at [www.gsccc.com](http://www.gsccc.com)

## ROWS luncheon

Want to know what your handwriting says about you? Betsy Patterson, internationally-certified graphoanalyst, will reveal those secrets to Retired Officers' Wives Society (ROWS) at its luncheon meeting on Jan. 13 in the Colonial Room at Fort Story Officers' Club. The social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. The cost is \$9.75. Reservations may be made by calling Jean Vollmer, 464-3745, or Ginny Russell, 451-3805.

## Green Breakfast

The Environmental Green Breakfast of Hampton Roads will meet Saturday, Jan. 8. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation presents "It's up to you: it's your Virginia." At 8 a.m. will be an overview of how to lobby members of the General Assembly. At 9 a.m. will be environmental issues facing Virginia and what we can expect from the upcoming General Assembly. The breakfast meets at the Newtowne Inn located at 412 Newtowne Road, just north of the Route 264 exchange and south of Virginia Beach Boulevard. There is a \$4 charge for the breakfast buffet.

For additional information contact Robert Dean, 427-6606.

# Heischober cites hearing loss in resignation from City Council

## 17-plus-year tenure serving city is over

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

Harold Heischober, whose well-reasoned contributions to the city increased over his 17 years as a City Councilman and two years as mayor, retired Jan. 1 because of a hearing loss he felt was interfering with his effectiveness in government.

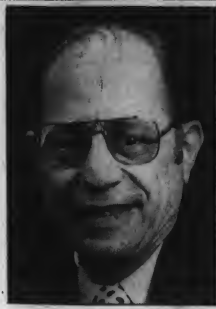
In a press conference Tuesday morning, Heischober elaborated on his terse one-sentence announcement of his retirement faxed last Friday to council colleagues and four top city officials. He said the announcement was typed by his daughter so that nobody in the system would have a leg up on what was going on.

The letter stated, "Effective Jan. 1, 2000 I resign from the Virginia Beach City Council."

He presented a picture of a man torn

"During the last couple of years, I sat in this chair (Heischober was sitting at his usual place at the mayor's right in the council conference room) trying to grasp what was going on in this room."

Harold Heischober



between his interest in continuing his work and his inability to do it as he thought he should.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorff, who sat in on the media session, said that Heischober thought he needed to make

clearer his one-line resignation. She said council would miss his quiet, thoughtful way of turning council in the right direction when it was on slippery rocks.

Heischober, in turn apologized to members of the media who called and

asked for more background information. He said "Meyera" had been very kind to him over the years.

"What you are going to hear today probably is not what you expected," he said.

He said that 11 years ago he developed a rare bone marrow disease and with treatment by an oncologist was able to attend to most of his functions. Although he still has the condition, he said, that is not the reason he was resigning.

He said he was totally deaf in his right ear and has 40 percent hearing in his left ear. He said that he believes the hearing loss was brought on by artillery fire during his Army service during World War II, but that the Veterans Administration does not agree with this assessment.

During his time on council Heischober said that he had been called combative and argumentative and that he probably was.

He said that when he was asked questions during council meetings, he did not know what was being asked and would give the wrong answer.

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## City passes Y2K test with few glitches

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

It took the city three-and-a-half years getting ready for that night which led into the new millennium and \$2.5 million, but the planning paid off in a smooth rollover into the year 2000.

David Sullivan, chief information officer, told City Council at a work session Tuesday that there were a lot of reasons that everything went right as one century, one millennium changed into the next, but planning was at the forefront.

He said, also, that the city spent less on its preparations than other cities its size and that the city's technology systems are in better shape than ever. He said that some media reports said that if the money had not been spent, the situation would have been okay anyway but glitches did show up elsewhere. He said that a lot of local governments had not kept up their technology contributing to the higher cost of getting ready for Y2K.

Sullivan reported that the Emergency Operation Center opened at 5 p.m. on Dec. 31 and closed at 2 a.m. Jan. 1.

The systems critical to operating government and back office systems all checked out by Saturday at 4 p.m.

While 22 computer-related incidents were reported by city agencies, half were normal computer problems and the others were valid Y2K problems, such as the delinquent accounts section which was fixed by Saturday afternoon. All critical systems were fixed by 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Elsewhere, he said some problems were reported.

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# 100-year-old oak granted second life at Land House

By Bob Ruegsegger  
Correspondent

When Hurricane Bonnie blew through Virginia Beach in 1998, an ancient white oak near the historic Francis Land House fell victim to the storm's wrath.

While Bonnie brought down countless trees throughout Tidewater, the venerable old oak at the Land House will not share the fate of most of the trees toppled by that tempest.

Instead of becoming firewood or being dumped unceremoniously at a landfill, the aged tree will get a second life — perhaps one that might last longer than the first.

Sometimes even natural catastrophes, such as the loss of this old tree, turn into blessings. The tree had apparently grown from an old trash pit on the dairy farm which occupied the site at the beginning of this century. Entwined in the root ball of the old tree were hundreds of bottles, artifacts, and other curiosities left over from times past.

Using some of the salvaged bottles and artifacts found in the roots of the old oak, the staff at the Land House put together a historic exhibit featuring the trash. That was the first bonus derived from the loss of the oak.

Vicki Harvey, museum education specialist at the Land House, was not satisfied with the single windfall of the trash exhibit — she wanted more.

With the help of her husband, Bob Har-

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A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK. Vicki and Bob Harvey inspect a block of wood cut from the trunk of the old oak tree.

# Caring canine is 'doggone' good



TALE WAGGER. Brooke, the nation's top therapy dog, spends a special moment with Glenda Wilson, a resident of Virginia Beach Healthcare and Rehabilitation. Brooke and handler Buddy Hayes reside in Chesapeake.

## Rehab center pooch carries home honor as nation's best therapy dog

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

Brooke has never uttered a word — technically — but her giving spirit has spoken to many.

She has soothed the sad, provided comfort to the confined and listened attentively when few ears were around to listen.

The solace she provides the lonely is immeasurable.

She doesn't even mind if someone wants to stroke her head to feel better.

Brooke is a 6-year-old Belgian Tervan canine who resides in Chesapeake. She's also the 1999 National Therapy Dog of the Year, an accolade presented by the Delta Society — an organization for therapy and service animals.

Most of all, she's a godsend to the residents of Virginia Beach Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, which she visits twice a week.

To owner and handler Buddy Hayes, she's more than a pet.

"She's my baby; my child," said Hayes.

Each Tuesday and Thursday, the two depart their Indian River home for Virginia Beach Healthcare where Hayes, a certified therapeutic recreation specialist, works as recreation therapy director.

Brooke has her own bed and dish in Hayes' office, but there isn't much time to rest when there are rounds to make.

"She's a pretty special dog — a well-rounded dog," said Hayes. "You can train any dog in obedience, but not every dog can be a therapy dog."

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# Commentary

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

### Make 'em, break 'em

It's a new year, a new decade, a new century and, arguably, a new millennium. What better time to take a fresh look at life, turn over a new leaf and make a change for the better?

In short, it's that time of year again when folks fall all over themselves trying to make New Year's resolutions — and hope that 2000 will actually be the year they don't break the "rules" in record time.

Unfortunately, by Jan. 7, they probably already have!

Let's take a look at some typical resolutions and usual results:

■ **Getting a handle on the old spare tire.** Many people wouldn't suffer by losing 10 to 20 pounds. And certainly, with all the Christmas egg-nog and turkey celebrations completed, they are confident in the battle of the bulge.

■ **Reality check, one month later:** Instead of losing that 10 pounds, many have, in fact, gained five more. What did it? Surely not all that junk food consumed during the Super Bowl or that Christmas candy left-over from the holidays (they just couldn't let it go to waste — or make that *waist*), and definitely not that one-pound Whitman's Sampler specially packaged for Valentine's Day (which the stores started touting on Dec. 26). And don't even mention all the chips and dip downed at the New Year's Eve party!

■ **Quitting smoking.** Unless folks live in a cave, they know that smoking isn't exactly the best thing for their health. Cigarette manufacturers don't put those Surgeon General's warnings on the packages for nothing. So smokers promise themselves that at the stroke of midnight, no more puffing. They break the cigarettes that they have left. They stock up on celery and carrot sticks to munch, perhaps even some nicotine chewing gum or patch.

■ **Reality check, one week later:** "Why," many will ask themselves, "did I ever make that stupid resolution in the first place?" They got sick of the carrots and celery sticks the first day. By 2 p.m. on New Year's Day, they were frantically searching the garbage can for one of those broken cigarettes tossed out the night before. And the gum and patch? Wasted money in a fruitless fight.

■ **Bringing spending in check.** Face it: unless one's name is Scrooge, most people tend to piddle away money and end up scratching their heads wondering, "Gee, where did it all go? Hmm...a soda here, a lunch out there, and a few new CDs can't add up to all that much, can it?"

Think again.

So having remembered that last year they vowed to put a dollar into a jar each day toward a new stereo (but pitifully ended up with only \$7), they put themselves on a strict budget. Brown bag lunches. No extra frills like magazines or packs of gum picked up at the supermarket on a whim. No milkshakes from the fast food drive-thru, even though they're only 99 cents. Save...save...save.

■ **Reality check, one day later:** Darn! That little notepad to record all expenditures has disappeared. And lunch? Well, most folks really intended to take it to work, but there wasn't time to make one on the way out the door that morning. In a brainstorming session, some folks will vow to make lunch the evening before. Of course, that idea is soon forgotten, too.

Truthfully, most people would be better off resolving not to make resolutions at all. Then perhaps it will be a happier New Year for all. Whatever the decision in 2000, good luck with it! And if you've already blown them, better luck next year. — V.E.H.

MY PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR:  
DENNIS RODMAN WILL JOIN THE PRIESTHOOD



THE GANGSTA RAP GROUP  
INSANE CLOWN POSSE WILL  
RELEASE A CHRISTIAN MUSIC CD



JESSE VENTURA WILL BE  
DECLARED A GENIUS.  
JANET RENO WILL HAVE  
RICKY MARTIN'S BABY



AND AL GORE WILL WIN  
THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



GEE, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT  
THAT GORE PREDICTION



THE REAL  
WORD



## Gore would be chip off the same old block

Al Gore said that he invented the Internet. He lied. He said that he discovered the Love Canal. He lied. He said that the book "Love Story"

was written about him and Tipper. He lied. When he went to a Buddhist temple to solicit money for the Democratic Party, he said he did not know it was a Buddhist temple. He lied. Of course, he was trained under the greatest liar of them all, Bill Clinton. I believe now that the student can now teach the master. This guy just can't tell the truth.

**The Real Word**

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

The most amazing part of all this is that Gore lies about unimportant things when a lie is not necessary. Gore is like a chameleon — he changes from day to day.

You never know which Gore is which. There are several things that he hopes that the public will forget, but the public has a good memory. They remember that 30 minutes after Bill Clinton was impeached Gore raised his hand and said that he would go down in history as a great president. Gore said that, but I'll bet he wouldn't leave his wife and daughter alone with this "great president."

In a past column I said that Gore reminded me of a high school cheerleader. Give him a skirt and some poms poms and he could cheer for Clinton like a school girl.

Speaking of skirts, there is another incident that Gore probably thinks the public has forgotten, but I haven't. It seems that Gore and his wife, Tipper, hold an annual Halloween press party. The year was 1995, and Gore and Tipper decided to dress up as Beauty and the Beast. Gore would be as Beauty, while Tipper would be the Beast.

Some of Gore's advisors suggested that it would be inappropriate for the vice president to be seen in drag. Not only were the Gores going as Beauty and the Beast, but the Walt Disney company was asked to provide the costumes. No arrangements were made for the Gores to pay Disney for the elaborate custom-made outfits.

Word leaked out about the arrangements and Gore and his staff blamed another staff member for the "misunderstanding." Clinton always blames everybody else, and his soulmate Gore does the same thing. I am still puzzled as to why Gore wanted to go to the party in drag. After this country has suffered two terms with a lying, draft-dodging, pervert for a president, do we need another pathological liar for another four years?

Welcome to the real world.

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## Y2K with a fresh outlook

Y2K came and went, fortunately, without disaster. No planes fell from the sky. No banks went wacky, and no power went out (at least not around here).

In fact, Y2K came and went pretty much the same as any other year: People partied, drank champagne, threw confetti in the air and made resolutions which undoubtedly will be broken in a week.

All in all, I call that a good night. Evan and I enjoyed a small get-together with friends, including a wonderful buffet dinner, party games and watching the big ball drop in Times Square.

Of course, one mischievous friend paid a teen to turn off the breaker switch to the house at midnight. For a second we were almost fooled — until we saw lights on all over the neighborhood!

Finally, Evan and some of our "pyromaniac" friends decided it just wouldn't be the new millennium if they didn't light off some fireworks at midnight. A few car alarms even sounded, making for a noisy New Year's celebration.

And that was it. We went home, hit

the sack and arose early the next morning for life as usual.

Well, almost.

For a few days lately our life — and house — has been turned topsy-turvy with home renovations. Two weeks ago we got all new linoleum and painted the kitchen cabinets. Last week, the Christmas tree came down, along with 500,000 needles, and new carpet went in throughout the house.

Both have been tests of our patience and strength as we prepare our home for resale.

Evan and I aren't packrats — we don't keep newspapers, bits of aluminum foil and the like. But we do like "stuff," and that's where the problem arose.

We simply had too much stuff. In fact, I honestly believe that at night stuff makes and multiplies. It's either that or we just don't know how to turn down a bargain.

In preparation for the linoleum, we moved everything from the kitchen into the living room. No big deal.

Preparing the house for carpet was a big deal.

As soon as the paper was "put to bed" Wednesday, I hustled out the door and met Evan at home for our "cleanup" rendezvous. Essentially, we had to pack up everything in the house — even in the closets — and place it outside on the deck so the carpet installers could do their thing.

This was no easy feat considering Evan and I have so much stuff. The task was so daunting we didn't know where to start.

By midnight most of what we owned was on the deck in plastic bags. We even had to dismantle our

bed (can you imagine what's under a bed after five years of not cleaning under it?), so we ended up sleeping in the living room.

I went to bed praying it wouldn't rain on all our stuff.

The carpet guys arrived bright and early Thursday. When I got home that night, I marveled how fresh the place looked. Then I moaned at all the work that awaited.

Starting that night Evan and I began to ruthlessly root through our belongings. They fit in four categories: keep, throw out, give away or put in storage.

We ended up giving 10 huge garbage bags full of whatnots, doodads and so on to charity. We threw out another 10 bags. We put a few boxes of stuff in storage and put the rest back in place.

If you've never tried "lightening the load," let me tell you that it is one "enlightening" experience.

[Sure, I was sad to see some of the stuff go. It held memories. But it also collected dust and made cleaning a nightmare. Divesting oneself of belongings is a wonderful feeling. Now I can understand the minimalist approach.

Evan and I made vows that we would not replace it all with new stuff.

So 2000 is our year to take a new approach to life. We're living by the motto "less is more" and already loving it. After all, how bad can life be without that old fondue pot, 200 cookbooks or a dozen glass figurines? Who needs 20 vases or four jewelry boxes? And we don't even miss it all.

It's going to be a good — and simple — new year.

## The time to act is now

By Allen W. Smith

"Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot; but make it hot by striking." — William B. Sprague

We are all procrastinators to some extent, and many of us tend to be slow to take actions that we know should be taken, especially if these actions involve some risks.

"The time is not right," we tell ourselves as we resolve to wait for the right moment when "opportunity knocks."

Often we see others moving forward in their lives while we remain stagnant, and we wonder why they have so many more opportunities than we have. We want to make more out of our lives, but we think we must wait for the right opportunity.

The problem is that many of us want sure bets in life. We don't want to try anything unless success is guaranteed. We don't want to take risks.

But those of us who are unwilling

ing to risk failure will never experience much success in life.

Everybody experiences both successes and failure in life, and the people whom we view as having had more than their fair share of successes usually have had more failures than we could imagine.

If we don't try very much in life, we will have a few failures, but we will also have few successes. Likewise, if we try many things, we will have many failures along with a fair number of successes.

Those of us who sit around waiting for opportunity to knock on our door may find that opportunity passes us by throughout our entire lives. Opportunity may have been just outside our door many times, waiting for us to come out and search for it.

But we were afraid to open the successful people seek out opportunity instead of waiting for opportunity to find them.

They keep busy trying things in

an effort to better their lives and the lives of those around them. They work to create opportunity instead of just waiting for it to occur.

This is true not only for material success, but also for any kind of success. It is true with regard to making many friends; serving others; making a difference in the world; and finding happiness and contentment in our lives.

It also holds true for our efforts to make the most of the talents God has given us. Opportunity is usually present if we really seek it out. It may be well hidden and require a good search on our part, but it is usually there.

In order to succeed at anything, we dare not wait for the iron to get hot before we act. Instead, we must make the iron hot by our actions. Think about it.

Allen W. Smith is a syndicated columnist from Naples, Fla.

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## Reflecting on the 'Community for a Lifetime' at the millennium

The new year is a time for reflection. A time when each of us contemplates our past accomplishments and celebrates our successes. It's also a time when we set new goals for ourselves and take a step back and assess where we are in meeting those goals.



The Mayor's Reporter

Myra Meyer Oberdorf

**My vision is that in 10 years every young person in every neighborhood in Virginia Beach will have the education, competence, character and feeling of safety and security needed to live a healthy, fulfilling life.**

Five years ago, the members of City Council discussed our hopes for the future and agreed upon six top priorities for our city. These six city business articulations not only where we stand now, but also in what direction we are moving. They are: Economic Vitality, Safe Community, Quality Education and Lifelong Learning, Quality Physical Environment, Cultural and Recreational Opportunities and Strengthening Families.

### Economic Vitality

No city can prosper unless it's fiscally responsible to its citizens and successful in attracting, retaining and partnering in new business. During 1999 our Department of Economic Development was successful in attracting 13 new companies to our city and retaining/expanding 25 companies, which created 588 new jobs and retained 881 others.

This year we hosted a record number of summer vacations and benefited from a record number of tax dollars to help fund city operations. Hotel sales were the highest in 14 years and tourist spending was about seven percent. We continue to evaluate and create investment partnerships throughout the city such as the Town Center of Virginia Beach project and the 31st Street project that will benefit our community and our citizens.

During 1999, the city's bond rating, a key indicator of financial stability and overall approach to public money management, was increased by two independent rating agencies to its highest level in history. In addition, we reduced water rates for residents by 10 cents per 1,000 gallons and have been successful at keeping our real estate tax rate low.

### Safe Community

Once again, for the ninth year in a row, Virginia Beach's crime rate was so low we were rated by the FBI as America's safest city with more than 300,000 in population. As we begin a new year our goal continues to be a "feeling of safety: any time, any place."

We also invested in a state-of-the-art, computer-assisted, emergency telephone response system to better serve citizens in need. These enhancements include a computer-aided dispatch system, an upgrade to the public safety radio system and replacement of more than 400 computer terminals in all police, fire and emergency response vehicles. This project, an investment of more than \$16 million, guarantees citizens will continue to benefit from a quick response in the event of an emergency.

### Quality Education and Lifelong Learning

We continue to dedicate more than half of the city's budget to supporting our public school system, the second largest in Virginia, and related youth and educational programs, while fostering an environment of collabora-

tion and cooperation. This year we celebrate the completion of two replacement schools, W.T. Cooke and Seatack Elementary, the construction of New Castle Elementary and the construction of High School 2001 in the Princess Anne Commons section of the city.

Partnering with Old Dominion University and Norfolk State University, we opened the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center and finalized plans for the Advanced Technology Center, a collaborative effort between the Commonwealth of Virginia, Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach City Public Schools and the city. A genuine "Academic Village" is beginning to blossom in Princess Anne Commons.

### Quality Physical Environment and Recreational Opportunities

Virginia Beach residents need no reminder that we are blessed with 38 miles of shoreline, 28 miles of public beach, 79 miles of scenic waterway, two state parks, three National Wildlife Refuges and 60 miles of bikeway. If that isn't a quality environment, I don't know what is!

Our citizens continue to be conscious of our role in preserving our natural environment and efforts like "Clean the Bay Day" are a huge success. In addition, our automated, curbside recycling program has an unprecedented 76 percent participation rate and was selected "best municipal/county recycling program" in the state by the Virginia Recycling Association.

Our Parks and Recreation Department earned the distinction of becoming the Commonwealth's first to receive accreditation status from National Recreation and Parks Association. This year we opened City View Park, a new 42-acre district park and added nine more neighborhood parks, bringing the total to 172.

### Strengthened Families

Strong Virginia Beach families is a top priority of City Council. My vision is that in 10 years every young person in every neighborhood in Virginia Beach will have the education, competence, character and feeling of safety and security needed to live a healthy, fulfilling life and contribute positively to our community. A wide array of city programs and services help each day to move us in that direction.

As we embark on a new millennium, we reaffirm our commitment to making Virginia Beach a special place. A community where you can safely and happily live, work, play, raise a family and retire. A community you can be proud of when one of our 2 million tourists approaches you and asks: "Where do you live?"

Tina DiSalvo Fries, legislative assistant to the mayor, contributed to this column.

## Up close and personal Cathy Grant: Moving on up

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

From an office in the First Virginia Bank building, Cathy Grant can see the future rising before her.

In June the director of hotel sales for the new Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center will move across the street to the four-star hotel, set to open in late summer.

"When I think of this hotel, I think of 'The Great Gatsby' — upscale, yacht clubish, rich colors," said Grant, who joined Stormont-Trice (which owns the hotel) in July. "It's going to be breathtaking."

Growing up in Virginia Beach, the Kempsville High School graduate rarely visited Portsmouth except to dine at Amory's. Today, though she lives in downtown Norfolk, Grant is a huge fan of the riverfront city and adores shopping in Old Towne. Ultimately, she'd love to settle in that district or Park Norfolk.

For now, Grant's focus is marketing the \$46 million facility and luring bookings there.

"It's neat opening a hotel because you have no guests, thus no day-to-day guest problems. That'll be an eye opener when the day comes," she said.

Grant rarely spends time in her office. She's often found at the Downtown Norfolk Marriott, another Stormont-Trice property, working with its sales team. There are trade shows to attend and general "schmoozing" to spread the word about the posh hotel.

One of the greatest challenges, Grant said, is marketing the facility and the city of Portsmouth to regions outside the area.

"When you say Portsmouth, most people think of Portsmouth, N.H. I'm going to be working with the Convention and Visitors Bureau on that. Most people around here, however, know there's a hotel going up, that's going to be the most beautiful, high-tech one for the area — right here in Portsmouth. The difficulty is trying to sell something that isn't finished yet."

By February, though, Grant hopes two guest rooms will be complete for potential clients to tour. The fact that all guest rooms have a river view is a big seller.

"And the grand ballroom overlooking the river is great," she noted.

During its start-up period, Grant is also offering lower-than-usual rates to attract initial business. She's targeting the conference market, particularly state associations.

For someone who majored in art history at Old Dominion University, the hospitality industry was an unexpected turn in Grant's life.

"I used to joke with my friends who were in sales and marketing," she recalled. "But I really majored in 'sorority.' After 5 1/2 years of college Mom and Dad were like, 'You're going to get a job.' Most people who major in art history go on to graduate school. I had no idea what to do."

Grant's brother worked at the Norfolk Omni, now the Sheraton, and suggested she apply at the hotel.

"I applied and started off at the front desk making \$4.25 an hour," she mused. "But I worked my way up."

The Omni allowed Grant the opportunity to experience multiple facets of the hospitality industry.

"You name it, I've done it. I've worked front desk, hotel operator, engineering, catering, banquets. I think all that is helping me with opening a hotel. I've even valet-parked cars. That's fun running around in a skirt picking up cars," she laughed.

Grant's career has also included stints as sales manager and account executive at the Omni and corporate sales manager at the North Raleigh (N.C.) Hilton Hotel. Prior to joining Stormont-Trice, she was sales manager and director of sales at the Norfolk Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Grant's job is hectic, but she still finds time to chair the Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST) program for the homeless through her church, Epworth United Methodist in downtown Norfolk. She has also served as the church's youth coordinator and outreach chairman.



Grant is a member of Meeting Professionals Inc.-Virginia Chapter, an organization for meeting planners and hospitality industry employees. She is president-elect of the group and serves as its newsletter chairman.

Grant and husband Rick, a graphic designer for an engineering firm, enjoy taking time out with movies at The Naro and The Commodore. She's a voracious reader and enjoyed rooting for the Dallas Cowboys, architecture, evening walks, Mexican food, traveling, and collecting china and kitchen wares. She loves Saturday afternoons with nothing to do, but notes they are "extremely rare."

Name: Cathy Grant

What brought you to this area: My father moved us to Virginia Beach when I was 9 and he accepted a teaching position at ODU.

Hometown: Norfolk

Age: 32

Occupation: Director of hotel sales for Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center.

Marital Status: Married

Children: Set pets

Favorite movies: "Pride and Prejudice" (the A&E version), "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "The Mission" and "Empire Records."

Magazines I read regularly: Cosmopolitan, Marie Claire, Southern Living, Shape, Martha Stewart Living and Smithsonian.

Favorite authors: Jane Austen, the Bronte sisters, Robert Ludlum, Rosamund Pilcher and Daphne du Maurier.

Favorite night out on the town: Having friends over for a lobster feast.

Favorite restaurant: The Teahouse in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Favorite meal and beverage: Toss-up between cheese enchiladas and Diet Coke and lobster.

What most people don't know about me: That I enjoy being alone with a good book quite often.

Best thing about myself: I enjoy being around other people, but also enjoy being by myself quite often.

Worst habit: I shop way too much.

Pets: Calvin and Hobbes, 8-year-old cats who are brothers, and Veronica, an 8-month-old kitten.

Hobbies: Book-collecting, gardening and restoring old furniture.

Ideal vacation: Spending three weeks in Nairobi, Kenya next Christmas with my mom at my sister's home.

Pet peeves: People who throw their cigarette butts out car windows. People who don't have their pets spayed or neutered.

First job: Cashier at Roses.

Least liked job: Working Christmas Eve at Roses.

Favorite sports teams: Dallas Cowboys, Tennessee Volunteers and Arkansas Razorbacks.

Favorite musicians: The Cure, The GoGo's, Diana Ross and The Supremes and anything from the 'Big 80's."

Most embarrassing moment: Too many.

How I would like to be remembered: That I was kind to people and animals and that I genuinely cared.

If I received \$1 million: I would buy a large farm so that I could take care of as many homeless cats as possible.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would beg everyone to start taking care of the environment for the sake of future children. Too few people actually care about the world's environment or even realize the harm we're doing to it.

## Fun family programs highlights Bay Lab

The Virginia Marine Science Museum has several evening programs scheduled for its off-site facility, Bay Lab, located at First Landing State Park on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay along Shore Drive. Experienced staff lead these programs, which are created and designed for all ages. All events are \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

■ Jellies and Co. - Thursday, Jan. 27, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Ever wonder if there's more to the stinging creatures that swimmers loathe and fear? Meet some amazing creatures that ride the waves and currents looking for a much smaller meal. This family program will feature live animals, hands-on exploration

using microscopes, a matching game and a craft.

■ Chill Out! How Animals Survive the Winter - Thursday, Feb. 24, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meet some of our local wildlife and learn how different animals survive the cold winter months. From a thick fur coat to a long winter's rest, the ways animals adapt to the short, cold days will amaze you and your family. This hands-on program will feature live animals and a craft.

The Virginia Marine Science Museum is at 717 General Booth Boulevard, just south of Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Lifesaving honor presented to cop

Chesapeake Officer Rob Watson was the recipient of a Lifesaving Award from Woodmen of the World Camp 70 in Portsmouth. Woodmen member Sam Callis, left, presented the honor. Watson rescued a man from a burning home before firefighters could arrive. He resides in Virginia Beach.





# Cox basketball shares court skills with world

The Frank Cox High School basketball team will take its games to a worldwide audience thanks to a partnership program with SportsCapsule.com.

In the program with teams across the country, SportsCapsule.com donates equipment to schools so they can videotape their games. (In addition to basketball, many schools are taping other boys and girls winter sports. Check with your local school.) SportsCapsule.com puts the entire games on the Internet so players can share them with anyone in the world.

Friends and family can download the games with high bandwidth Internet connections or buy complete VHS videos. In addition, the players can use SportsCapsule's special tools to make custom sports capsules including video clips, statistics, still pictures and celebrity voiceovers.

Just as important, the schools receive a portion of sales revenue raised from the films.

"This is a win-win relationship for the schools, athletes and communities," said Michael Paolucci, founder and president of SportsCapsule.com, based in New York. Coaches and athletic directors gain recognition and support for their programs, athletes learn from their successes and mistakes and parents and families share all the excitement even when distance or busy schedules prevent them from being at the game, he said.

"This is as close to home as technology gets," Paolucci said. "Families can share their athlete's achievements like never before and schools will benefit from the video equipment and financial support for their teams."

SportsCapsule rolled out its video and web products to schools and athletes in September 1999 with a pilot program focusing on high school football.

"In less than a month, we had partner schools in every state," Paolucci said. Throughout the season, SportsCapsule made thousands of games available.

"Now, it's the basketball and other winter sports players' turn," he said.

# Caring canine lauded as top therapy dog

It takes a certain temperament and patience to be a therapy animal, critical assets which Brooke possesses. To be certified, both owner and dog had to pass strict guidelines and examinations.

Delta Society looks at the handler and the animal as a team.

"If you've have a good dog but someone who doesn't have good people skills, they're not going to work well in a facility," Hayes explained.

The ability for animals to lift the human spirit is the premise behind Brooke's volunteer work.

Often those with whom she communicates can't speak, nor do they expect Brooke to. She simply has what others need — compassion.

"An animal doesn't need to talk. She has a way with people. She has a special place here and touches our residents who normally wouldn't reach out," said Susan McKinley, Virginia Beach Healthcare administrator.

Hayes almost didn't submit Brooke for the Beyond Limits Award, presented to the National Therapy Dog of the Year. The canine had previously earned honorable mention in the competition. At the last minute she submitted the application and pushed the contest to the back of her mind.

"I wasn't expecting a phone call. I was paining my bathroom and had paint up to my eyeballs when the phone rang. When they told me the news, I just screamed. I think I broke the woman's eardrums!" she said.

Bursting with pride, Hayes had to keep the information to herself until the national announcement.

"That was kind of hard," she admitted.

Brooke and Hayes received an all-expenses-paid trip to Cincinnati, Ohio for the ceremony, as well as a gold medal, professional portrait and \$500. Westminster Kennel Club commentator David Freis

# Regent dean lauded

Regent University School of Psychology and Counseling Dean Rosemarie Scotti Hughes was recently honored as a Division Member of the Year by the Virginia Counselors Association for her spiritual, ethical and religious values in counseling on the state and national level.

The award is set aside by the VCA Board of Directors in order that state and local recognition be given to one member of each division who renders outstanding service in keeping with the purposes of the association.

Hughes was also elected this past year as the vice-chair for the Virginia Beach of Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals. She has served as dean since 1994.

Hughes has authored numerous books and journal articles in the field of counseling.



# Practice pay off

In September Cape Henry Collegiate elementary school students began practice for two special concerts in December. More than 400 guests attended the performances at MacArthur Center and Military Circle. Fourth grade string students, top photo, prepare to play, as the fifth-grade band comprised of more than 40 beginning players surprise their parents with a polished performance.



# Heischober resigns post

"During the last couple of years, I sat in this chair (Heischober was sitting at his usual place at the mayor's right in the council conference room) trying to grasp what was going on in this room. I had a difficult time doing that."

He said he would go home and go over the entire agenda to find out exactly what happened.

He referred to his inability to fully participate as a council person in the difficult situations which face council. He said he did not think it fair to council and it was not fair to the public. He said he would go home and "want to beat my head against the wall."

"While every council member, especially the mayor, has been kind to me," he said, he will not overcome the physical disability he was suffering.

"We have a wonderful city," he said, and a wonderful talent and diversity that would be difficult to find in the rest of the state and outside. "I know the public does not always agree with us," but look at the city, look how we have grown."

"I have a background of being athletic," he said. Heischober played baseball in the minor leagues "and you just don't go (easily) from that kind of life to a sedentary on a deliberative body."

He said the individual council members who have called have been kind and have urged him to continue but that he could not do that because he can't see any improvement in his situation.

He said he tried to wear hearing aids but they don't work. If nerves are shot, hearing aids don't help.

"It was a tough decision to leave now," he said when the council is moving into the capital building, the financial budget. "That's not going to be an easy task."

He said he felt bad that council had to go through that exercise of selecting the 11th person to participate in that activity.

He said there has been some conjecture that he wrote the brief resignation because of a personality difference with one council individual or with council collectively. "That is not true."

"This council has treated me with a great respect, a high degree of respectful relationship (exists) on this council."

He said he had placed a burden on

the mayor which he did not want to do, and "please tell the world that this is a great City Council."

He said the city has a fine city manager (James K. Spore), a fine city clerk (Ruth Hodges Smith). Look at the city attorney (Leslie Lilley) — he is a wonderful man with a great, great future and while city assessor (Jerry Banagan) is usually unseen, he is fair and his figures come out right. These four officials are appointed by City Council.

Oberndorf said that Heischober would be greatly missed.

"Your presence on council will be greatly missed. All of us grow when we become a member of a body. We don't always agree and we are not always pulling in the same direction."

He recalled the dedication of the Veterans Memorial on 19th Street, a project dear to Heischober.

Carolyn Lincoln, president of the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Leagues and herself a veteran, said she did not think that at any time was she more proud of being a member of the armed forces and of being a member of Virginia Beach. She later spent some time urging Heischober to continue as a council member.

Heischober said that an individual has never accomplished anything on council except when five other people on council have allowed him to accomplish.

Among the work on council he listed those he is proudest of.

He said that \$486,000 was raised for the Veterans Memorial. He said that City Council appropriated the first \$25,000 in 1988.

He said that some things are done by council that are not so important to the average person.

He said, for instance, that six or seven years ago he suggested the city have a benefits coordinator's office which cost \$50,000. He said he did not dream up that program, that he had employed the Internal Revenue Service provision in his business and found that it was applicable to municipal government.

As a result, the city saved \$5 million. He said Virginia Beach was the first city in the area to take advantage of the program. It grew into something bigger, he said, and subsequently, the city and school insurance programs were coordinated with a tremendous savings for employees. He said the office grew

from one person to four or five with more people doing more work and saving more money.

When he was appointed to the state's drunken drivers task force, he thought that one should be started in Virginia Beach. And it was.

The 24th Street Park came about, he said, the citizens being asked to raise \$600,000 with the city paying the rest of the cost. When the citizens raised \$400,000, the owner of the property lowered his original price of \$2.4 million by \$200,000 moving council to put the balance of the money in the park.

He said the city had a terrible parking problem when the judicial center was located across the street from City Hall. The city needed a new building but did not have enough charter authority to construct the building. The city used an innovative program to have the building constructed. The city does not own the building — it leases the building on city land and the debt will be paid off in two or three years.

Heischober said that he had difficulty saying to anybody, "I was the prime mover. I was the one. Nobody can do anything by themselves."

The vote on the judicial center was narrow, but the "important thing is that council is a great council. The mayor is a great mayor. I have tried to be a supporter of what she has asked me to do when I understand."

# Glitches

In the Midwest, systems reported the year as 2099.

Financial software was unable to post batch updates on Jan. 1, 2000.

Other systems reported the date as Dec. 32, 1999.

Time clock problems had people punching in on the 31st and out on the first.

Refueling systems were reporting expired cards and a web page reported the year as 1900.

Sullivan said that over the next few months, some glitches will be seen. Leap year may pose a problem. Normally a century change is not during a leap year — unless it's divisible by four.

# Environmental tax exemption OK'd

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Recorder

A private foundation which provides a boat for environmental tours was cleared for state and local real and personal property tax exemption by a council vote of 9-11 with councilwoman Nancy Parker dissenting.

The property in question is a 58-foot Hatteras valued at \$186,400 when taxes in 1999 are \$2,796

owned by the Last Great Waters, Inc., a private foundation headed by L.C. Schoedler who is the major benefactor of the foundation.

The foundation includes eight persons among whom is Schoedler's wife. The boat takes out 20 to 25 people at a time. The boat was owned by Schoedler until 1995 when he gave the boat to the foundation. Schoedler also has contributed \$30,000 to the foundation.

Schoedler, who also is vice chairman of the Virginia Oystering Foundation, said that the foundation is a big part of his life. With the tax exemption the boat can make six to eight more cruises a year.

The resolution adopted by City Council Tuesday supports state legislation required for the tax exemption.

# ARE CALENDAR

The Association for Research and Enlightenment announces its schedule of free lectures for the week of January 9-15.

■ Sunday, Jan. 9 - "Prophecies and Earth Changes" by Jim Smith.

■ Monday, Jan. 10 - "The Soul" by Frances Ellen Worrell.

■ Tuesday, Jan. 11 - "Meditation" by Meredith Puryear.

■ Wednesday, Jan. 12 - "Dreams and Dreaming" by Diana Clutton Taylor.

■ Thursday, Jan. 13 - "Atlantis, Egypt and Lemuria" by Jon Robertson.

■ Friday, Jan. 14 - "Health, Healing and Diet" by Dave Lindley.

■ Saturday, Jan. 15 - "Oneness" by Shirley Winston.

All lectures are held at 3:30 p.m. at the ARE Visitor Center, 6700 Atlantic Avenue. Call 428-3588, ext. 7265 for more information.

# DAC plans historical talk

The Norfolk Mace Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC), will meet in the home of Annette Taylor, 324 Discovery Rd. in Princess Anne Hills, Jan. 19 at 1 p.m. Local historian Robert B. Hinchings will address the group on the "Life and Times of Sam Myers."

The DAC chapter's main project is the gift of genealogical books to Virginia Beach Central Library and recently placed a three-volume set of the "Patriots of the American Revolution" there in honor of the regent's mother, Laura Carr. It gave DAC lineage books to Kim Library in Norfolk in memory of Virginia W. Austin, also of Virginia Beach. Both had been members of the chapter.

The chapter will also host the State Assembly in March. For more information call Martha Haddleton, regent, 481-2702.

# Estate planning seminar slated

A two-hour estate planning seminar, "Your Estate: How to Plan It," will be held Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Cedar Point Club in Suffolk; Jan. 26, 9:30 a.m. at The Country Club at Ford's Colony, Williamsburg and 6:30 p.m. at the James River Country Club, Newport News; Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m., (Advanced Seminar) at the Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club, Virginia Beach; and Jan. 28, 9:30 a.m. at the Chesapeake Conference Center in Chesapeake.

The seminars, sponsored by Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters and Crestar Bank, feature Dr. J. Dan Reecer, a noted writer, speaker and authority on estate planning who presents more than 100 dynamic seminars annually with clarity, anecdotes and humor. Unlike many seminars, this one does not sell any financial product. These seminars cover how to protect hard-earned dollars from taxes and probate and how to ensure estates are allocated according to one's wishes.

There is a \$10 registration fee per married couple or individual. For information or reservations call, 668-7070.

# Museum hosts Discovery Days series in Jan.


The Virginia Marine Science Museum will continue to host the ever-popular Preschool Discovery Days series this winter. Created and designed for children ages four and five, the series includes age-appropriate activities, arts and crafts, and small group exploration of seasonal topics. The series is led by experienced and knowledgeable staff.

Upcoming Preschool Discovery Days programs include:

■ Splendid Seals - Learn about these fantastic animals that visit us during the winter season: Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1 to 2:15 p.m., Main Building. \$5 members and \$7 non-members.

■ The Deep, Dark Underwater World - Discover what life grows in the darkest depths of the sea. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1 to 2:15 p.m., Main Building. \$5 members and \$7 non-members.

For more information call, 425-FISH (3474).



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# Virginia Flower and Garden Show Model railroad auction slated

## will inspire with 'Gardens of Future'

The 2000 Virginia Flower and Garden Show will be held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion on Jan. 21-23. This year's show is appropriately themed "Gardens of the Future."

The show draws attendees from the Mid-Atlantic region in getting tips, forecasts and tools of the trade through the weekend of seminars and workshops.

This year's show will welcome Roger Swain, celebrated host of public television's "Victory Garden," as the keynote speaker. Known by millions of viewers as "the man with the red suspenders," Swain's program entitled "Garden Psychic Hotline" will be an interactive discussion with the audience on Saturday and Sunday during the show.

Other components of the show include:

- More than 20 major landscape and floral display gardens.

- Garden Marketplace with more than 180 vendors from across the U.S.

- Children's hands-on activities and educational programs.

- More than 16 seminars, lectures and demonstrations.

- Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Show, Tidewater District.

- European Flower Market.

The schedule is:

**Friday, Jan. 21**

- 11 a.m. "Flower Arranging through a Gardener's Eye" Libby Oliver, Colonial Williamsburg. Texture, structure, light and color combination glimpsed in the garden will be translated into bouquets for the home. The demonstration will include flowers and foliage to grow and combine with florist flowers.

- 12:30 p.m. "Edible Flowers" Val Justice, Master Gardener. This demonstration will teach you what flowers are edible and wonderful ways to prepare them.

- 1:45 p.m. "Water Gardening the Natural Way," Barbara Schuler, Landscape Designer, Custom Gardens Inc. Learn how to construct ponds and waterfalls which work



Roger Swain

VA Tech University. Learn about the functions of roots, how the nursery industry is changing roots during production and what landscaping and construction practices enhance or harm root growth.

- 11 a.m. "Garden Psychic Hotline," Roger Swain, Victory Garden. This is an opportunity to ask the gardening guru all your gardening questions. Come prepared to meet Roger Swain of the Victory Garden in an interactive and entertaining session.

- 12:45 p.m. "Growing Perennial Fruit Plants in Your Home Garden," Sybil Mays - Paradise Nursery. Change your landscape into a personal Eden and learn how to grow your own fruiting shrubs and vines, including best selections for container and organic growing, to make your outer and inner environments healthier and more beautiful.

- 2 p.m. "Repotting Orchids," Tom Ward, Tidewater Orchid Society. This session will be a demonstration on how to re-pot orchids.

- 3:15 p.m. "Kitchen Gardens," Roger Swain, Victory Garden. Enjoy this fun lecture on growing successful kitchen gardens.

- 4:30 p.m. "An Introduction to Indoor Bonsai," Gary Peck, Nature's Way Nursery and Bonsai Studio. A demonstration creating a tropical bonsai plant.



PRETTY AS A POSEY. The European Flower Market returns.

- 5:45 p.m. "Water Gardening the Natural Way," Barbara Schuler, Landscape designer, Custom Gardens Inc. In this slide presentation learn to construct ponds and waterfalls which work with Mother Nature, not against her, with low maintenance and chemically free methods.

**Sunday, Jan. 23**

- Noon "Kitchen Gardens," Roger Swain, Victory Garden. Enjoy this fun lecture on growing successful kitchen gardens.

- 1:45 p.m. "Living Flower Arrangements - Bulbs for Containers," Brent Heath, Brent and Becky's Daffodil Mart. Learn about using flower bulbs to create spectacular displays in pots and patio planters for indoors and outdoors.

- 3 p.m. "Garden Psychic Hotline," Roger Swain, Victory Garden. This is an opportunity to ask the garden guru all your gardening questions. Come prepared to meet Roger Swain of the Victory Garden in an interactive and entertaining session.

The hours of the show are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$7 for adults; children under 12 are free. For more information call, 853-0057 or see our web site at [www.virginiagardens.org](http://www.virginiagardens.org).

Bring old trains to sell, because your "junk" may be someone else's "gem." The Tidewater Division of the National Model Railroad Association (N.M.R.A.) will hold its January meet starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Bayside Recreation Center, 4500 First Court Rd. in Virginia Beach.

Division members and subscribers to the division's bi-monthly newsletter may buy and sell items at the auction, which will be set up between 9 and 10 a.m., and will start at 10 a.m. All

purchase and sales will be closed out between 3 and 4 p.m.

Subscriptions to the division's newsletter, the *CallBoard*, cost \$5 per year. However, full membership in the division requires additional memberships in the region and national organizations as well. Non-division members may attend the meet, which also features the division's business meeting, annual awards, election of officers and a "Favorite Train" contest judged by popular vote.

## Optimists slate contest for deaf, hard of hearing

"Growing Up In Today's World" is the 2000 topic of the Optimist International Annual Communications Contests for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, sponsored locally by the Optimist Club of Virginia Beach.

Any boy or girl in public, private or parochial school who has not reached the age of 20 years prior to or on Jan. 1, 2000 may compete, according to Tom Cantrell, club chairman for the event. Boys and girls compete separately, and the local club will select a first, second and third place winner in each division.

The first place boy winner and the first place girl winner will each receive a \$100 prize and will compete in the district competition.

The first place district girl and first place district boy winner will each receive a \$1,500 college scholarship to the school of their choice, payable when the entrance fee.

All speeches must be original and the time allowed for each speech will be not under four nor over five minutes in length. All entrants will compete at the local contest on Saturday, Jan. 22, beginning at 10 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Refreshments will be served. Parents are invited to attend.

A panel of Virginia Beach civic and business leaders will serve as judges and a licensed interpreter will be provided for the audience.

For further information contact Tom Cantrell, 460-4017 or Ben Krause, 490-5614.

Optimist International is one of the largest and most active service organizations, with more than 130,000 members in 35,000 Optimist Clubs Internationally, most of which serve their communities in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. Carrying the motto "Friend of Youth," Optimist Clubs conduct service projects which reach five million young people each year.

## UDC hosts major general

Pickett-Buchanan Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Cypress Point Country Club, 5343 Club Head Rd., Virginia Beach. Maj. Gen. Archie Cannon will be the speaker. January is the month the UDC celebrates the Lee, Jackson and Maury birthdays. For information and reservations call, 489-8340.

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# 100-year-old tree gets new life at Land House

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vey, and the city of Virginia Beach's Landscape Services, she'll harvest an additional bonus: the valuable wood.

Bob Harvey marked the sections of the tree to be salvaged and the city's landscape services (which maintains the Land House property) moved the selected sections onto the Land House property.

Originally, the Harveys had considered splitting and sawing the oak with 18th-century tools, using a pit saw.

"We, at first, thought that we would be as pure with it as we could... but we realized very quickly that was kind of foolish," explained Harvey. "The wood would have to set so long that insects would get into it and that kind of thing."

Necessity, ever being the mother of invention, Harvey found a solution to the knotty problem in the person of Paul Garrity of Chesapeake — and his portable saw mill.

"He (Garrity) had a break in his schedule today, so we were able to get him out here," said Vicki-Harvey last week. "He's helping

us. This wood is going to be used for tables that we can use in programming so that we can get rid of the modern tables."

"All the reproduction artifacts in our school programs really bring history alive for the kids because they can touch and feel the reproductions and see how things were done," observed Vicki Harvey. "It's a shame the tree had to come down, but it's going to be recycled into some pretty neat things."

Bob Harvey, a Land House volunteer who is skilled in ancient trade of coopering (the making of

barrels, hogsheds, casks, and assorted wooden storage and shipping containers), has his eye on some of the oak for coopering projects at the Land House.

"Some of the wood is cut to the length of tobacco hogsheds and we're going to work on that," he said.

"There are a lot of little projects that we can use the wood for. There are things that you would find around a plantation like a shaving bench that a cooper uses when he's using a drawknife," said Bob Harvey. "Basket makers and carpenters also used shaving benches."

"Mark (Mark Reed, historic resource coordinator with Virginia Beach's Department of Museums and Cultural Arts) wants to build some tables that can be used in programs out here that are more like period tables than those six foot long conference tables that we always use, and those are things that we can make pretty easily."

Bob Harvey also envisions a team of Land House volunteers working together assembling pre-cut parts into 18th-century-style tables while others are working on a shaving bench and various other plantation projects.

"As they continue to develop programs here, there are always uses that can be made of wood to show how the wood was crafted and what they were doing with wood and how they used natural resources," he commented.

Bob Harvey has learned a good deal from his encounter with the mighty oak — at least from certain

**"I split those out by hand, and I thought that would go a little bit easier."**

Bob Harvey

parts of it.

"You see those big pieces that are on the end down there," said Bob Harvey pointing to some formidable-looking chunks of wood.

"I split those out by hand, and I thought that would go a little bit easier. I'm glad I don't have to do that; I'm glad that we found Paul Garrity who could do this work for us with hydraulics and a power saw — what a wonderful thing."

Hydraulics and power saws were not available to 17th- and 18th-century Virginians. Splitting out and sawing wood by hand was tiresome, exhausting work, yet every plank and post in colonial homes, barrels and outbuildings was hand-hewn. "It was an amazing bunch of people, that built colonial Virginia," asserted Harvey.

Paul Garrity of Garrity Custom Sawing in Chesapeake came to the rescue at the Land House when he arrived with his hydraulically operated portable sawmill and metal detector.

"It took to sixteen me to see 'dum trucks full of really nice logs

going to the dump because the mills have stopped taking old logs," said Garrity. "They classify the trees that I'm cutting as yard trees."

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

Virginia:  
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, January 25, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:  
CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:  
DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE  
1. An Ordinance upon Application of 3 Mac Associates, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional R-20 Residential District on certain property located on the east side of Seaboard Road at the intersection with Bernadotte Street. The proposed

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zoning classification change to Conditional R-20 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 20,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as being in the Transition Area and recommends use of this parcel for appropriate growth opportunities, consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach. Said parcel contains 19.1 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Stephen B. Ballard for a Change of Zoning District Classification from Conditional I-2 Heavy Industrial District to Conditional I-2 Heavy Industrial District with modified proffers on certain property located on the north side of Shippers Court Road beginning at a point 100 feet more or less west of London Bridge Road (GPIN #1495-48-5383). The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for a variety of employment uses including business parks and appropriately located industrial uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 14.75 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

3. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach Public Schools for a Conditional Use Permit for a communication tower at the northwest corner of N. Witchcock Road and Cleveland Street (#1467-75-8167). Said parcel is located at 233 N. Witchcock Road and contains 27.2 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Kemplville Church of God for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the east side of Princess Anne Road, south of Providence Road (GPIN #1476-60-8447). Said property is located at 4422 Princess Anne Road and contains 4.461 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Greg N. Winquist for an automobile repair establishment and car wash at the southwest corner of Ocean Lakes Boulevard and Opal Avenue (GPIN #1477-04-4936). Said parcel is located at 4981 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1.291 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

DISTRICT 1 - CENTREVILLE

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Hampton Roads Fundraising Foundation, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an indoor recreational facility (multi-recreational, meeting and bingo hall) on the east side of S. Military Highway, north of Providence Road (GPIN #1456-13-3354). Said parcel is located at 964 S. Military Highway and contains 2.96 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTREVILLE.

STREET CLOSURE: DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

7. Application of Olympia Bendix LLC, c/o Olympia Development Corporation for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Bendix Road beginning at a point 434.89 feet south of Bonney Road and running in a southerly direction a distance of 464 feet more or less along the western property line and running a distance of 484 feet more or less along the eastern property line. Said parcel is 35.86 feet in width and contains 14,301 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: DISTRICT 8 - A

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Triangle Rent-A-Car, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle rentals at the northeast corner of Newtown Road and Baker Road (GPIN #1468-30-1875). Said parcel is located at 604 Newtown Road and contains 36,010 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Armada/Hoffler Development Company, LLC, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-3 Central Business District to Conditional B-3A Pembroke Central Business District on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: Located at the southeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Garret Drive.

Parcel 2: Located at the southeast intersection of Potomac Street and Independence Boulevard.

Parcel 3: Located at the southeast intersection of Cleveland Street and Independence Boulevard.

Parcel 4: Located at the southeast intersection of Columbus

Street and Independence Boulevard. (GPIN #1477-54-4974, #1477-54-4115, #1477-54-4576, #1477-44-6832, #1477-44-5853, #1477-44-7220, #1477-54-0566, #1477-54-0452, #1477-54-1442).

The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-3A is for mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented, urban activity center land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for urban center use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 18.11 acres more or less. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

All interested parties are invited to attend at:

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE City Clerk  
If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
1257 Mozart Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Kevin S. Tyree and Sylvia A. Tyree dated December 10, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3998, page 1474, securing a loan which was originally \$134,407.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 21, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 1-A, in Block F as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Resubdivision of Lots 1 and 2, Block F and Lots 3 and 4 Block L, Ocean Lakes North, Section five (D.B. 2538-P. 1119-1121) and Parcel B, Ocean Lakes East Section Two (D.B. 2622, P.221-223), Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map #2414-906639000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$13,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  
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Substitute Trustees  
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## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
579 Grant Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Roy W. Clemons and Claudette Clemons dated August 17, 1992 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3118, page 672, securing a loan which was originally \$84,500. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on February 4, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 25, 26 and 27, in Block 28 as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Pecan Gardens, Property of Tri-State Development Corporation, Norfolk, Virginia". Tax Map #1486-57-6174-0000.

The property will be conveyed

by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,700.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

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## Public Notice

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## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
3533 South Plaza Trail  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from S.T. Williams and Azalea E. Williams dated August 2, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3647, page 1447, securing a loan which was originally \$59,500.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 21, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 9 Block 16 as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Princess Anne Plaza Section One" situated in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map #1487-70-1519-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,900.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
1333 Woodbridge Trail  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Charles W. Brubaker dated July 31, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3644, page 1907, securing a loan which was originally \$87,618.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at

the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 21, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 36, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Green Run P.U.D. Subdivision Section F-3" Being in the city of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map #1485-06-7983-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  
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## Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Christine M. Julius, DOB: 10/17/84; Teresa N. Julius, DOB: 4/17/83; and Robert Julius, Jr., DOB: 4/16/82

TAMMY NADEAU, Plaintiff v. DON ADELE, Defendant  
CASE NOS. J-136651-01; J-136642-01 & J-136643-01

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The subject of this suit is for Emergency Custody. It IS ORDERED that ROBERT JULIUS, SR. appear and protect his interest, on or before Tuesday, March 2, 2000 @ 11:00 a.m., which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this Court.

DATE: 12-22-99  
FREDERICK B. JENKS, III, Clerk

By Kelley A. Smith, Deputy Clerk

## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
1945 Rock Lake Loop  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jerome D. Henderson and Cynthia A. Henderson dated January 20, 1992 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3051, page 0018, securing a loan which was originally \$81,300.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 28, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 91, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Rock Creek, Phase III". Tax Map #1485-12-8887-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect

on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

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## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
4941 Rachel Street  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Dennis E. Wilson and Carmen M. Wilson dated July 26, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3642, page 1285, securing a loan which was originally \$76,278.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 14, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 4, Block 6, Section Ten, as shown on the plat entitled "Subdivision of Aragona Village, Section 10". Tax Map #1477-07-0610-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

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## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
18 South Plaza Trail  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jody Bruce Bedard and dated January 24, 1992 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3052, page 1781, securing a loan which was originally \$64,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 14, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 14, in Block 1, as shown on that plat entitled Subdivision of Princess Anne Plaza, Section One. Tax Map #1487-82-4589-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

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## Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

A/H WESLEYAN ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, Petitioner v. EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, an unincorporated association, 875 Baker Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

and EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, an unincorporated association, Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

ALL OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN (SAID UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS BEING "PARTIES UNKNOWN"), Respondents.  
IN CHANCERY NUMBER CH99-3727

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The above-captioned matter seeks the removal, as provided by law, of the remains interred on certain real property owned by the Petitioner, located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia and adjacent to the cemetery of Ebenezer Baptist Church which property is more particularly described in the Bill of Complaint filed by the Petitioner.

It is hereby ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that all Respondents and other parties known and unknown who may have an interest in this matter shall appear and protect their interests at 9:30 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2000. This Order of Publication shall be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun and shall be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court, and mailed by the Clerk of this Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.01-317 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

ENTERED this 19th day of November, 1999.

Judge Edward W. Hanson, Jr.  
Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody.

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK  
Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
1141 Old Clubhouse  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Thomas D. Bacho and Jacqueline Bacho dated June 8, 1987 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2640, page 1815, securing a loan which was originally \$53,150.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 14, 2000 at 8:05 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 4, shown on that certain plat entitled, "Subdivision of Scarborough Square, Section Four. A. 2, Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #1496-10-6815-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$4,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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# Lord Dunmore: Wrong man, wrong place, wrong time

By Bob Rueggeger  
Correspondent

In mid-December of 1775, shortly after his shocking defeat at the Battle of Great Bridge and prior to ordering the bombardment of Norfolk, John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore reluctantly agreed to an impromptu post battle dialogue aboard the HMS William anchored in the Elizabeth River between Portsmouth and Norfolk.

Lord Dunmore was characteristically candid and tactless. The painful memory of his defeat at Great Bridge was clearly still on his mind. What Lord Dunmore lacked in diplomatic finesse, he attempted to compensate for with courage and energy — two traits in which he certainly was not lacking.

How did you feel about bringing your family to Virginia?

I was very anxious to bring my family here from New York. They came to join me there when I was originally posted as governor of New York. I actually awaited my wife and my children's arrival with some anticipation. That was a very welcome thing.

What about the gunpowder incident in Williamsburg? The powder was removed in the middle of the night, and that had a negative reaction from the population. Can you comment on that?

First of all, let me say as governor of Virginia — as lieutenant of the colony and admiral of the colony — that it is my absolute authority to do as I please with His Majesty's arms and powder. That is my legal right. If I wish to dump it in the river, I may do so. However, having received orders from Whitehall to secure any powder and arms in public stores, it was then my job to do so.

And I felt that it would be best to have the powder and arms removed from the magazine after dark with as little fanfare as possible to avoid confrontation with any of the colonists who would misinterpret this perhaps or would in any other way cause violence to occur.

It has happened in other colonies over matters which are much more trivial than this.

Would it be correct to say that you were just following orders?

Absolutely. It's part of my position to follow orders from London.

About Mr. Patrick Henry — you are familiar with Mr. Henry?

Yes, I know about Henry.

Did you refer to him as "deluded"? Did you make reference to Patrick Henry and "his deluded followers" in a proclamation?

I know not what goes on in Mr. Henry's brain. He has been disaffected for many years against the Crown. There are many in the Burgesses who have listened to his continual complaints and harangues with disgust and absolute surprise



**BAD LUCK.** Lord Dunmore, as portrayed by Dave Podolfini, was the wrong man in the wrong place at the wrong time.

that anyone who is a British subject could even talk in this fashion.

The man has no sense of decorum. He has no sense of his duty as a British subject. He does nothing but constantly complain.

Well, then why don't you give him his wish, sir?

Give him his wish?

Yes. He has been asking for either "liberty or death." Hasn't he?

Sir, this is not a Spanish or a French colony where one can arrest someone for simply speaking against the government. We're all Englishmen here.

As much as I may dislike Mr. Henry and the things that he has to say, I am not able under our legal system — the most enlightened in the world I might add — to simply arrest him for being critical of the government. That is his right as an Englishman. The fact that he has deluded others is most unfortunate. They are greatly deluded, but there is nothing that I can do about what he says.

He has also assembled troops — militia.

Ah, this is different. When Mr. Henry and his men came down from Hanover and threatened violence against me and against members of the Governor's Council unless the gunpowder were paid for — now that, sir, is a different matter.

He wished to either have it returned or paid for by the government. He is now attempting, with the threat of violence, to extort money from the British Crown. That, sir, is treason!

You did pay for the gunpowder, didn't you?

I decided that it would be best to pay. That violence might be averted in that way, and that I wished to cause no more trouble than had already occurred. I also chose to give them less ammunition to use against us.

Are you afraid of Mr. Henry?

I'm not sure how to answer that question. I am not afraid of him, but it is certainly true that he draws many into these treasonable activities. They would do well to think again. All of us live under the umbrella of the British Empire, the most enlightened in the world. Were he to go to a French or Spanish colony, he would find himself to be in a much different position than here. He would have been jailed long ago for saying some of the things he has said in public.

Yet you're the one that's on a ship in the middle of the Elizabeth River. What ship are we on?

It is true. HMS William. Yes, it is true, but when British troops arrive and we can subdue this violence, then we may restore law and order once again.

You've had some success at a place called Kemp's Landing.

Oh yes, the militia just ran like rabbits. I had fully expected that



**DUNMORE'S HEADQUARTERS.** Pleasant Hall on Princess Anne Road near Kempsville Road was used as a headquarters by Lord Dunmore.

would be the case. They had no discipline.

How many men were you up against?

It is hard to say. As you know, these colonists come and go as they please. It could be 30 men one day and 50 the next. You just never quite know. If they were to face trained British soldiers, the issue would not be in doubt. They run off.

They didn't run off at Great Bridge. This is an open rebellion, isn't it?

I fear it is. I fear it is. A very unhappy state of affairs. This insurrection made it necessary to post a proclamation to that effect. To make it clear to anyone that their duty is to support their government.

That seems reasonable.

Yes, we represent law and order.

I don't know how to put this tactfully, sir. Your proclamation awarding freedom to slaves —

rebellious parties who will take up arms for the king seemed to further antagonize the colonists.

Yes, promising freedom to indentured servants and slaves being held by rebels. Well, in my mind, it matters very little. Any man who



**STOP LORD DUNMORE!** The words exhibited on these contemporary street signs near Princess Anne Road echo the sentiments of 18th-century Virginia Patriots.

son. And Washington would be on the top of the pile.

Weren't you and Washington friends at one time?

It is so — a very unfortunate thing. He has decided to cast his lot with rebels and treasonous dogs.

Didn't Washington give you some advice on how to run your plantation more profitably?

Oh yes! We have done business together. But my duty is clear. He is a rebel against the Crown. He's committing treason.

It won't take long to settle this — this rebellion. Will it?

Oh no. This will be over in a year or so at the most. This congress can not stand long against England.

When do you think the first of the troops will arrive here?

Some of our troops have already arrived. The 14th (Regiment of Foot) has sent me some men. Of course, I have lost some here at Great Bridge, but others will be arriving from England very soon. The regiments from Ireland are ready to march now; all we have to do is put them into ships and send them.

Will Governor Martin in North Carolina be of any help to you here?

I dare say that all of us have our hands full. I am not looking for assistance from anywhere else right now. They all have their own troubles as well I understand. If you've been in the Army, you know how these situations can develop. We must be as self-reliant as possible.

Are you even considering leaving Virginia?

No, this is my post, so I must do the best I can to subdue this rebellion with the resources that I have available to me now.

What would you like those rebels to know?

I would like them to know that

they have chosen to rebel, and that as a result of their rebellion, they are severing their relations with the most enlightened empire in the history of the world. They have more freedom under England than in any country you could possibly name. They are ingrates; they are ungrateful for all of the things that we've done for them — all of the protection that we have given to them.

If they have complaints, they can state them fairly, and they will be heard in the proper forum. These rebellions will not be tolerated. This will not be done.

Perhaps you should make an example of a few of the rebels.

That is precisely my idea. In the Army, when you have rebellious

regiment, you select a few and execute them. The others, then, will see what will happen to mutineers.

But you haven't tried that yet? Have you?

When I have the opportunity, I will do so. The ministry is a bit undecided at this point. They would like to try and reconcile with the colonists if they can to avoid bloodshed.

Is that your preference too?

It is always better to avoid bloodshed if one can, but in order to do it one must sometimes be willing to shed some blood.

Shaking his head, the royal governor rose suddenly and dismissed this correspondent with a haughty wave of his right hand. The conversation was clearly was over. Lord Dunmore was not inclined to suffer fools lightly.

Writer's note: Dave Podolfini, who portrays Lord Dunmore at the Battle of Great Bridge, provided responses for the questions posed to the royal governor, Lord Dunmore. Podolfini is also a historical interpreter with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.



**SURVIVOR.** Saint Paul's Church in Norfolk was one of the few structures to survive the bombardment of Lord Dunmore's fleet on Jan. 1, 1776 and the subsequent torching of the city by Patriot forces.



**SKIRMISH AT KEMP'S LANDING.** This monument marks the site where Minuteman John Ackiss was killed in a skirmish with Lord Dunmore's troops Nov. 16, 1775.

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## Council poses policy for public/private partnerships

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### Step team show

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"A Community Celebrates Roots of Diversity, African American" History Month in Virginia Beach, is jointly sponsored by the Friends of the Virginia Public Library, Virginia Beach Public Library, Department of Museums and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

### Studio classes

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is proud to announce its upcoming winter/spring 2000 studio art class calendar. Students may choose from a variety of studio art classes in a variety of media, including beginning and intermediate/figure drawing; watercolor, oil and acrylic painting, including traditional realism oil painting classes; pastel; ceramics, including Japanese wheel-throwing classes; and a number of 35mm and black-and-white photography classes. Workshops this semester include glass mosaics, painted floor cloths and glass jewelrymaking classes. Schedules are now available.

To request a complete schedule of classes and workshops, call the CAC education department, 425-0000 ext. 29.

### Spiritual art

Internationally-known Native American artist Jo Ann Bird will display her works of art at the Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) from Jan. 17-31. The grand opening is Monday at 7:30 p.m. with a flute concert of Native American music.

Bird's art is on display throughout the United States and Europe, including one commissioned for the Minnesota State Capitol Building and in 1997 the Franklin Mint commissioned a porcelain statuette called the "Dreamcatcher."

The ARE is located at 67th Street and Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach.

### Slavery talk

Share the stories, music and dance through which slaves in Colonial Virginia endured and preserved their traditions. Sylvia Tab-Lee will entertain and inspire the whole family on Sunday, Feb. 6 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Virginia Beach Central Library Auditorium, 1400 Virginia Beach Blvd. Call 437-6450 to register beginning Jan. 24.

### Cat show

Pawprints in the Sand Cat Club is sponsoring a Cat Fanciers Association Cat Show on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lake Wright Hotel. More than 200 purebred cats from around the country are expected to compete. The club is donating \$1 from each cat show admission to a spay/neuter fund and each attendee can register to win a free spay/neutering for their cat.

The public is welcome. Admission for adults is \$5, seniors and children under 12 will pay \$3, and children under 5 are admitted free. For more details contact Lucy Sherrill, 640-7467.

### New VBTV

To respond to the critical need to raise students' achievement levels, Virginia has initiated a sweeping reform of its kindergarten through 12th grade education system.

One major element of this reform promoting high academic standards is known as "The Standards of Learning," or "SOLs." What the SOLs? Who will be affected? How can parents and the community get involved?

"Ahead of the Curve" is a quarterly series which airs on VBTV Cable Channel 48. The regular weekly program schedule: Monday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 a.m., 2 and 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m., 2 and 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 p.m.

### Doll conservator

The Jan. 20 meeting of the Adam Thoroughgood Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will be held at 10 a.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library. Josephine Mathias, doll conservator for the DAR Museum and chairman of the Virginia DAR Speaker's staff, will be the featured speaker. Mathias, a former regent of the chapter, will present a slide show of the toys in the New Hampshire attic at the DAR Museum.

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach City Council, which has been talking public/private partnerships for years and participating in such arrangements, is now considering establishing a policy to bring consistency and clarity to the process.

If it does establish guidelines or rules, it will probably be the first locality in Virginia to do so, although numerous other localities in the state participate in public/private partnerships.

The guidelines support partnerships — public/private or public/public as when the state joins the locality in a project — when the project is consistent with the city's goals and when the project could not or would not be undertaken by either partner individually.

The policy report emphasizes investment partnerships for economic development. Presented by Finance Director Patricia Phillips and Planning Director Robert Scott at a council workshop Tuesday, the report underscores the need for partnerships to bring higher paying jobs to the area and to give the city the opportunity to have some control over what is developed in the city.

The report comes at a time when the city is experiencing a downturn in its per capita income as well as a decrease in its ratio of commercial development against residential development.

Where in 1987 the city's per capita income was 107.8 percent of the state income, it is now 96.6 percent.

Council has tried over the years to reach a goal of 30 percent non-residential

assessments, compared to 70 percent residential. But since 1991, when the ratio was over 20 percent for non-residential, the non-residential assessment has gone down to just over 18 percent in 1999 and a little over 18.5 percent in 2000.

Councilwoman Reba McClanan said the problem is selling the idea of partnerships to the public. The public needs some reassurance, she said, because the people have seen so many things happen in the last few years.

She suggested that the staff supply more examples of what the guidelines mean.

"We need to be pretty clear on our guidelines and what we want. As long as we're up front, it makes it more acceptable to the public."

Councilwoman Barbara Henley said

that the policy document is important and should have been done some time ago. She said council has been talking for years about better jobs and changing the residential/non-residential assessment ratio. She referred to a statement that came out of the Hampton Road Partnership — that the first ring of suburban cities is declining faster than the inner city. "That's us," Henley said.

She said that a couple of census tracts have shown a decline and the people who are moving out have a higher income than those remaining.

Henley wanted to know if the city was doing any tracking to see if the pattern is spreading.

Scott said that these areas are not particular.

□ See COUNCIL, Page 6

## Twelfth Night festive end to holidays

Virginia Beach celebrates in colonial style

By Bob Rueggeger  
Correspondent

Throughout 18th-century England and colonial Virginia, Twelfth Night festivities concluded the Christmas season.

It was on Twelfth Night, the last day of Christmas, that all of the lavish parties, weddings and balls were held. It was a time when the colonials brought out the finest of everything that they had.

Traditionally, the Francis Land House staff and volunteers have always brought out the best that they've had too — the best colonial ambience south of Colonial Williamsburg.

Over the years, Twelfth Night celebrations have become most agreeable annual affairs at the Francis Land House. While traditional features of the program have remained constant, each year the Land House staff and volunteers endeavor to create a Twelfth



HIGH-STEPPING REVELRY. The Williamsburg Heritage Dance Ensemble charmed the Land House guests.

□ See TWELFTH, Page 10

## Year-round school ready for the test

Seatack will be first in city to try schedule

By Patrick Evans-Hyllon  
Correspondent

The running joke about June, July and August being the three best things about school won't be applicable for several hundred Virginia Beach students this year as Seatack Elementary begins year-round classroom instruction.

Progress for the start of a year-round school pilot has been moving forward since the Virginia Beach City Public School Board unanimously voted in January 1999 to accept the proposal of a subcommittee to implement a three-year

"From the beginning, we've tried to include the parents, staff, and community in the decision-making process, and it looks like we've come up with a good plan so far."

Katherine Parker, principal

pilot program. The program at Seatack Elementary gets under way in July.

"We are very excited about the program," said Principal Katherine Parker. She has been chief administrator at the school for the past seven years.

"From the beginning, we've tried to include the parents, staff, and community in the decision-making process, and it looks like we've come up with a good

plan so far. There have been many positive statements and actions up to now," she said.

Unlike a school year which ends at the beginning of summer and starts back in autumn, year-round school is the same 180 days of school instruction arranged over 12 months rather than the traditional 10 month schedule most school systems follow.

Instruction comes in 45-day blocks of learning, with vacations and intersessions of five to 15 days distributed throughout the year.

Parker said that during the 12-month period, the same curriculum is followed, but the change comes in how the students learn, not what they learn.

"This has been shown to increase and expand the learning process because there are not so many long breaks in instruction," she said, eliminating the summer "brain-drain."

Parker added that year-round school also eliminated the need for summer school. "Going to school 12 months will give students who need it many more opportunities for remediation and enrichment."

Other positives include increased stu-

□ See YEAR, Page 10

## Public has say at Community Conversation 2000

Chance to share concerns is Jan. 22

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

The public will have a part in determining what's best for the city at the Community Conversation 2000 on Jan. 22 at the Salem Middle School from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

City Manager James K. Spore said that the citizens will be divided into 11 study groups to address issues such as what services should be enhanced, what projects initiated or completed and defining goals for the city.

Council members will participate in the groups and staff will be available to

organize the session. Lyle Sumek of Lyle Sumek Associates will moderate the session.

Councilwoman Margaret Eure, at a work session where the plan for the conversation was presented, said that she wanted people coming in off the street. She said she did not want the session to be orchestrated. She said that "some folks are anything we do and I don't want them to be given the opportunity to say (the conversation was orchestrated)."

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that some people want it to be open like a town meeting. She said she received a detailed questionnaire on the town center a proposed public/private project in the Pembroke area, from Robert Dean, a former council member and president of the

Virginia Beach Citizens Action Coalition, an organization which has frequently criticized council actions.

Eure wanted to know how far the council had to go in answering such questionnaires.

City Attorney Leslie Lilley said that the city's legal obligation is that if you have the materials, they must be provided, but that the city is not required to create the material.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley said she would like to have people address specifics.

Spore said that the conversation will probably produce three really good hours. He said that council will be a participant this year, rather than recorder.

Among the questions to be asked (and

answered) are what are the major accomplishments of the city during the past five years and the impacts on the community and what are the major assets of the city worth preserving?

Also, what does success for Virginia Beach in 2010 mean, critical issues that need to be addressed during the next two years?

Also included are open messages to the mayor and City Council.

How is the conversation expected to develop?

Take the town center — what are the major issues, the problems and concerns and the need for them to be addressed? Also what is wanted for the future and what are the benefits to the city overall and to the individual citizens.

# Commentary

LEE-JACKSON-KING DAY

## Three great men

On Monday, Americans will pay homage to one of the greatest men of the 20th century — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

At the same time, Virginians will continue a long tradition of honoring two of its favorite sons — Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

At first glance, some may note a possible ironic contradiction in honoring the leader of the Civil Rights Movement in this country with two military leaders of the Confederacy during the War Between the States. But rather than look at the men for honors, the homage is being paid to their ideals.

One can easily place King in the same category with Mahatma Gandhi, a great advocate for achieving equal rights through peaceful, non-violent demonstrations. Both men suffered mental and physical pain for their beliefs and refusing to be swayed by threats on them, their families and associates.

They ignored the slings arrows of bigots and government officials to create a better life for their fellow man. They both suffered for their beliefs and paid the ultimate price — their lives.

Both prevailed.

Lee and Jackson embodied the spirit of the Southern gentleman and carried that attitude with them during war. Lee felt compelled to follow the dictates of his conscience and do his best for his home. Jackson was a devout Presbyterian who often delayed action until he had completed hours of prayer.

Their beliefs were no less than King's. That is why Virginia has chosen to honor them on the third Monday of January.

Virginia's place in history has long been established, and the trio of Lee, Jackson and King are a noted part of history.

# And the question is...

What is the greatest mistake of your adult life and what did you learn from it? How do you feel about gays serving in the military? How much of your income did you and your wife contribute to charity last year? What visceral feelings do you experience when you see the Confederate flag flying over the South Carolina capitol? Since you



## Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

profess that only a born-again Christian can be saved, do you believe that all non-Christian Americans are eternally damned?

These are just a smattering of the personal questions asked of the Republican presidential contenders in the series of primary debates held last week. Not that each question doesn't offer a window into the inner man behind the candidate. My objection is that such personal, touchy-feeling questions completely dominated the dialogue of the debates.

The tenor was so Oprah-like that I had to pinch myself within 15 minutes of each debate as a reminder that I was viewing a presidential debate instead of a tell-all television show. And, it wasn't just the questions. The candidates themselves took every opportunity to focus on their personal lives and religious beliefs every chance they had.

Since we are consuming so much air time on these matters, I have a suggestion that will cut to the chase and get these personal questions over with once and for all. When I was a teenager there was a very popular teen magazine called "True Confessions." All of our presidential contenders could submit a no-holds-barred expose of their personal life and it could be published on the Internet like the Starr Report was.

Then we could endure a couple of months of scandal-mongering (in which our modern media excels) and get it all over with at one time. That way, we could finally get down to the business of the candidates' positions on issues and what kind of presidency each would offer the American people.

Of course, I am being facetious. But, you must admit, it is intriguing that the obsession with the personal questions and religious beliefs only seems to dominate the Republican primary debates. The debates between Al Gore and Bill Bradley are almost

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totally issue and policy-oriented. Perhaps we are witnessing an age-old example of reaping what you have sown.

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Personally, I agree with Bill Bradley on this subject. My religious beliefs are nobody's business but my own. If I chose to share them, so be it — but, short of that, the subject is totally off-limits to public inquiry.

Sadly, except for John McCain, all of the other presidential contenders, including Al Gore on the Democratic side, have chosen to use their religious faith as a reason why we should elect them as our president. So, even a consummate media critic like myself can hardly blame the press for zeroing in on their religious beliefs as part of this political race.

Leading the pack of late in touting his Christian faith as his most important qualification for the presidency is surprisingly not Gary Bauer or even Alan Keyes. No, the leading advocate of this "born-again status" will insure his good presidency is none other than GOP front runner, George W. Bush.

This is especially surprising since the Bush family, famous as it is for its long-standing role as leaders in the Republican Party, could hardly be described as card-carrying members of the Christian Coalition. At least, not until George W. pitched his 10-gallon hat into the presidential ring. But these days, it's Jesus who gets more more air time than any other

subject when the Republican contenders debate, and it is George W. who shifts the gears to that topic every single time. A viewer's call to C-Span after the Republican debate in Iowa on Thursday night summed up the matter beautifully when he objected to the constant discussion of religion by stating that he was trying to elect a president not a pope.

But, there is an even more perplexing aspect to the claim that Americans should entrust the highest office in our nation based upon the staunchness of a candidate's Christian faith. Does that mean that if elected, they intend to govern in accordance with the teachings of Jesus? If so, we could expect America to make a decided switch to a pacifist foreign policy, one which requires us to always turn the other cheek no matter how grievous the injury of our enemy.

Such a presidency should also foster public policies designed to discourage the amassment of individual wealth, since "it is harder for a rich man to go to heaven than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle." And, would not we have shifted our national priorities to put first the feeding of the hungry and caring for those less fortunate, not only in America but around the world? Such admirable largess would certainly require correction more tax revenues, which Americans should gladly pay or as George W. would say, pay "with a willing heart."

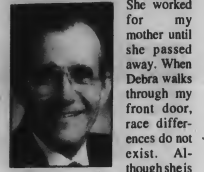
But, those are not the policies these Republican candidates intend to institute if elected. In fact, such laudable (and, admittedly, utopian) policies far more reflect the agenda of the radical left than they do the conservative right. So, it's time to stop the hypocrisy. These Republican contenders are not going to be any more "Christian" in their presidency than any of those that have served in that office since 1789.

My advice to all candidates that so shamelessly hide behind the cloak of their religion is to instead follow the examples set by either Bradley or McCain. They could start by taking McCain's advice, who when asked in the debate how his religious beliefs would affect his presidency, he stated that he would render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, and unto God that which is God's.

You see, as brilliant as Jefferson was, it was not he that best clarified the importance of separation of church and state. Nope, neither was the Tejeado of Righteousness warned mankind of the danger of confusing their individual spiritual path with the obligations of the state nearly two thousand years before our founders began to set down the principles upon which this great government of free men of conscious would be formed.

# Reflections on race relations and good friends

Debra Brown is an African-American whose profession is that of domestic engineer. She has worked for my family for more than 10 years.



## The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

bad.

She cared for my mother and was a great support for us when our oldest daughter died. She doesn't talk much unless she has something important to say. We sometimes talk about race relations but her attitude on that is positive.

Brown shoots down the theory that racial hatred is running rampant across the nation. Of course, we both agree that there is racial issues and some terrible inhuman things are being done to both blacks and whites. But Brown tries to see good in everybody.

She is married to Michael Brown, and they have three boys. Debra and Michael both are active in their church, First Baptist West Norfolk. Michael is a trustee, and Brown is president of the choir, vice president of pastoral relations and sponsor of the church yard sales. Michael coaches basketball and is president of the men's ministry. Brown is employed as a custodian with the Portsmouth Public Schools.

Her hobbies are baking, yard work and making friends. She likes to help those who are sick and unable to take care of themselves. When Brown is not on the job at our house she calls to see if we need anything. She is always there when we need her. Her main purpose for writing this column is to start the year 2000 off on a positive note to show that people of different races can not only tolerate each other but can love each other as well.

My wife and I love Debra for what she is — a good and decent person who works hard and shares her love and time for anyone who needs it.

I admit that I am conservative with my ideas some, which Debra doesn't always agree with. Yet we aren't afraid to talk it out so that we can have a better understanding of each other feelings.

Certainly, Brown remembers the sad times blacks have had in America and some are still having, but our love is too strong to go through life hating each other and letting hatred grow on us like a cancer which will destroy us all.

Welcome to the real world.

# Attitude is everything in matters of workplace

By Allen Smith

"The rule of my life is to make business a pleasure, and pleasure my business." — Aaron Burr

If we want to be truly happy in life we must learn to be happy when we are at work as well as when we are enjoying leisure time.

Most of us spend a good portion of our life at work and, if we are miserable on the job, we will almost certainly be miserable off the job. Some of us are more fortunate than others in the sense that we have more meaningful and rewarding work than some.

If we are unhappy with our job, and it is possible to get a more rewarding job, we should probably do so. If this is not possible, then we should do everything in our power to find a way to be happy in our present job.

Young people can afford to take some risk in changing jobs when they still have most of their working life ahead of them, and most people can find work that they like unless they hate all kinds of work.

But many of us have reached a point in life where switching jobs is not a realistic option. We have built up years of seniority and fringe benefits which we cannot afford to give up, and we have become too old to compete successfully in the job market.

For those of us in this category, the only solution is to work at improving our attitude towards our

work. If we can't change jobs, our only options are to change our attitude or continue to be miserable at work.

A woman who hated her job so much that she told her employer she would be quitting in six weeks went to work the next day after giving her notice in high spirits. She was so cheerful that she had a positive effect on her fellow workers.

During the next six weeks, this woman found that she didn't mind her job now that she knew she would soon be quitting. Going to work and visiting with her co-workers became almost appealing.

In fact, the woman's attitude changed so much from the day she gave her notice until the day she was scheduled to quit that, when the day for departure arrived, she was so uncertain about her thinking that she decided to delay her planned departure temporarily.

This woman continued to work at that job for several more years. She had discovered that it was her attitude toward the job, rather than the job itself, that had been making her so miserable. Perhaps many of us not so bad after all if we would do a little work on our attitudes. Think about it.

Editor's note: Allen W. Smith is a syndicated columnist from Tennessee.

# Resolutions to stick by in 2000

Here we are in 2000, a new year and, once again, a fresh start.

By now most folks have already made and broken their resolutions. Somehow I managed to avoid that trap this year — and now I'm feeling guilty for it.

Normal resolutions include the typical lose weight and eat right, not to mention the dreaded exercise. They're almost expected to be on most people's lists. I'm bucking the trend this year and going for some new ideas.

Since we did a ruthless purging of our belongings on New Year's Eve, my top vow in 2000 is to keep it "light and easy."

As much as it's tempting, catalogs that cross my desk and arrive in my mailbox will be trashed immediately, lessening the temptation to buy more stuff. Heck, even the catalogs take up space!

In that same vein, I'll avoid acquiring new stuff by simply staying out of the stores. That's the easiest way to accomplish my goal and save money at the same time.

My second resolution of the new year is to spend more time with Mitchell. Granted, Evan and I have to work to pay for the roof over our head and food on our table. I can't be a stay-at-home mom, but I can spend as much time with him as possible.

Every parent knows that some days you're just not up to the pressure of entertaining a child, especially when you've got a splitting headache. But a child doesn't know that. All they

know is unconditional love and adoration for their parents.

They want the best gift you can give them: time.

So each night after work, even when a dirty house is awaiting, Evan and I will try to spend 30 minutes to an hour in simple play with Mitchell. Dinner can wait; housecleaning can wait. Telephone calls which need to be returned can wait.

In playing with Mitchell we can rediscover one of the simpler joys in life — family time.

Of course, now that I've got the house freed of clutter and an energetic toddler tearing up the place, I resolve in 2000 to keep our home as tidy as possible.

I admit that I'm not the best housekeeper in the world. In fact, I'm far, far from it. To me cleaning is one of those annoying necessities that can be put off until the last minute. Then I tend to spend a whole day in a whirl getting the house sparkling.

However, if I kept up with my chores all along, the house would never get to stage where it means, "Clean me!"

I'm setting up a regular chore schedule and resolve to stick to it in 2000.

The same goes for Evan and his yard work. It is OK to improve a resolution on a spouse, isn't it?

The same resolution can apply to my car, which often resembles a rolling catch-all on wheels. The vehicle is going to stay clean, too.

I have another resolution which I know my car will appreciate. I will no longer let the gas gauge reach "E" before refilling. I've been lucky thus far — we haven't run out of juice before making it to the pump.

My final resolution in 2000 is to take it easy. That doesn't mean I'm going to become a slacker, but I am going to avoid taking situations and people so seriously.

How often do we get overwrought by things which we cannot control? How often do we let others get the best of us?

How often do we blow our lids before thinking out a situation? I've gotten better in the last year or so, but I could use some more work.

As for those resolutions to eat better and exercise, perhaps I could incorporate those into daily life. But I resolve not to mention the dreaded "D" word — DIET!



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## Getting out of debt and staying there

Now that the holidays are over and the bills have started coming in, we are all wondering how we allowed things to get out of hand. With the help of Priscilla Graves, the family and consumer sciences agent for the city of Virginia Beach, I may have some answers for you.



### The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

- Contact creditors and explain the situation.
- Do not carry credit cards with you; leave them at home.
- Don't ask for credit limit increases.

■ Don't use credit for consumable items such as food if you do not pay in full each month.

- Beware of debt consolidation.
- If you have more than 15 percent of your disposable income in debt payments, you should take steps to reduce your credit card use.

■ Help is available through the volunteer financial counselor program at the extension office.

Don't ignore debts. Ignoring debts will affect your credit rating. In addition, creditors may take action against you in an effort to get payment. Your property may be repossessed and wages may be assigned or garnished.

Several options may help you manage financial difficulties when bills stack up and you cannot pay them. You may set up a debt payment plan and discipline yourself to follow it. To set up a debt payment plan, follow

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these steps:

- Find out whom you owe and how much you owe.

■ Decide how much you can pay back and when you can pay it back.

■ Set up a plan for paying back your debts.

- Discuss your plan with your creditors.

■ Control your spending by sticking with your debt payment plan until all debts are repaid.

- Look over your plan to see if you are keeping up with your debts and your daily living expenses. If there is a change in your income, you need to raise or lower your monthly payments accordingly.

The extension service has a Volunteer Financial Counseling Service which assists families and individuals in debt management. This service is free and confidential. The counseling services are held in public meeting rooms such as the Extension office, recreation centers, public libraries and restaurants. Call Priscilla Graves, 427-4769 for additional information.

Priscilla Graves, family and consumer services agent for the city of Virginia Beach, contributed to this column.

## Familiar Faces Concert Series hosts Labidi

The Familiar Faces Concert Series of Virginia Wesleyan College presents soprano Emily Stauch Labidi and pianist Lee Jordan-Anders in "La Nuit: French Music of the Night" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29 in VWCs Edward D. Hofheimer Theater on the campus at 1584 Wesleyan Dr.

The concert will feature French nocturnal music for solo piano and for soprano accompanied by piano Fauré, Debussy, and Poulenc as well as the song cycle "Les Nuits d'Été" (Summer Nights) by Berlioz based on the love poems of Théophile Gautier.

Solo piano selection on the program include Poulenc "Nocturnes pour Piano" (Nocturne in C Major, Bal de jeunes, Bal fantome, Phalènes, and Pour servir de Coda au Cycle), and Debussy's Clair de lune, La soirée dans Grenade, La terrasse des audiences du clair de lune, and Feux d'artifice.

The Berlioz set of Theophile Gautier poems for soprano and piano explore all the dimensions of love; some are light and dreamy, others passionate and troubled, exploring the full range of the subject

by both poet and composer. In addition, Ms. Labidi will perform Debussy's Nuit d'étoiles, Beau soir, and Faure's Après un reve, and Clair de lune.

Virginia Beach resident, Emily Stauch Labidi recently returned from performing the Mozart RE-QUIEM in Carnegie Hall under the direction of James Conlon, having previously performed at the Halls centennial celebration under the direction of Robert Shaw. She has sung solo roles with the Virginia Symphony, the Virginia Opera, and the Virginia Beach Symphony. She is a graduate of Catholic University and is vocal instructor at Virginia Wesleyan College.

Lee Jordan-Anders is artist-in-residence, associate professor of music, and head of the music department at Virginia Wesleyan College. Having earned performance degrees from Northwestern University, she has performed extensively throughout the United States and Europe.

Tickets are \$10 per person (\$5 for senior citizens or students) and may be served by calling 455-2101.

to open channels of communication with the general public.

Applications are now being accepted for the session. All applicants must be 21 years of age and a Virginia Beach resident. Applications may be picked up at any Virginia Beach Police Precinct or from Human Resources Building 15 at the Municipal Center.

For further information, contact Master Police Officer William Behan, 563-1757, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Up close and personal

### John Williams: Traffic control

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

"We like to play in traffic, but we also get to control it."

Senior Freeway Incident Response Team (FIRT) member John Williams isn't joking when he makes that statement.

When the call comes over the two-way radio, FIRT operators are often the first at the scene — and it's their job to assure the safety of motorists and keep traffic moving.

On the job 6 1/2 years, the former New York City cop finds the flow of Hampton Roads interstate traffic a much slower pace. And he likes it. He's not stuck behind a desk, his truck is his office, and he travels from 150 to 250 miles during a shift. But his best reward is knowing he's helped a stranded motorist.

"Everyone wants this service!" said Williams, a gregarious man whom coworkers love to kid. "Virginia Beach had us. Norfolk. Chesapeake. The Peninsula. Everyone is screaming for us. You don't know what it's like to be broken down at 11:30 at night and scared to death. We're here to help."

With five FIRT operators on duty each shift on the Southside and two on the Peninsula, the team's territory covers I-64 from Bay Avenue in Norfolk to Indian River in Chesapeake/Virginia Beach, I-264 from downtown Norfolk to the welcome center at I-264/44 in Virginia Beach, and Mallory Street to Magruder Boulevard on the Peninsula.

"FIRT's," as they like to be called, aren't hard to miss.

First there are the trucks: white pickups with interstate logos painted on the doors and a row of yellow lights on the cab. In the truck bed they carry orange freeway cones, fuel, water, jumper cables, jack, compressor and "anything else you'd call when you need a wrecker."

FIRT operators stand out, too: fluorescent yellow and orange uniforms with reflective tape that glow in the dark, making them hard to miss on a pitch-black road even on the darkest night.

As supervisor for Bravo Shift — the noon to 8 p.m. schedule — Williams oversees one of the busiest times of day, rush hour. "And I've seen it all," he chirped.

Like the time he and a state trooper caught a motorist in the HOV lane with his "passenger," a mannequin wearing a hat, in attempts to fool police.

Or the time he worked the scene when an elderly man crashed through six HOV gates into oncoming traffic, killing himself and another motorist.

Or all the flipped vehicles, stalled cars, flat tires and dead batteries.

"I had one woman who broke down at 2 a.m. and left her three babies in the car when she went for help. That's a bad idea," he stressed. "Those kids woke up scared, because here was this stranger (himself). The best advice is to always stay with your vehicle."

Some days are slow, others so hectic he can't count the accidents.

"I've seen it all driving these roads," Williams said. "Things don't bother me too much. One day we had 20 accidents, one after the other. It was raining, but people think they can drive in any kind of weather."

His advice: slow down, stay alert, avoid the cell phone, drive extra carefully during bad weather, don't tailgate, always be prepared, and don't drive when sleepy. The latter he sees much too often.

Williams' constant companions during his eight-hour shift are the two-way radio and, occasionally, the cell phone when the control center in Virginia Beach needs to contact him. At his side is a huge Super Big Gulp cup, which he keeps filled with iced tea. But the tea isn't to keep him awake.

There's too much to pay attention to for that. As he drives, Williams keeps an eye peeled for motorists who need assistance.

But he's also listening to the two-way radio, checking out VDOT's flashing traffic advisory signs (he calls them "butterflies"), and checking in with the center as he completes portions of a zone. Since he's a supervisor and trainer, he's also checking on the other FIRT operators working that shift.



He noted that drivers often get FIRT confused with Motorist Assist, which is operated by the Virginia State Police.

"But between the two of us, we've got it all covered," Williams said.

In the summer, the familiar-FIRT truck is a welcome relief to stranded motorists. They're hot, thirsty and, sometimes like their cars, overheated. Williams carries a jug of ice water as an extra measure.

"It's a heck of a thing to break down and have nobody come to help you," he said.

But that's happening less now, thanks to the 38 traffic cameras monitoring the roads. With plans to expand in two more phases, for a total of 288 cameras, crews at the control center can immediately see what's happening on the interstates. If something is up, that's when Williams and other FIRT members get the call.

Two things, however, impede FIRT's efforts to keep traffic flowing smoothly after an accident. They're Williams' pet peeves — gawkers and bottle neckers.

"They cause more accidents," he asserted.

Hampton Roads traffic may be a chore to most people, but not Williams, who retired from the NYPD after 20 years and was awarded the Medal of Honor.

"Rat race? New York is a rat race! It's a lot slower here."

That's not to say his job isn't dangerous. Like police officers and troopers, FIRT operators put themselves in the path of danger every day assisting others. Last summer, 26-year-old FIRT Jack Kramer was struck and killed by a drunk driver while assisting a motorist. It was a difficult blow for Williams, who trained the man and had been joking with his colleague earlier in the day.

Williams said the hardest part of his job is "having to close down a fast, heavily-traveled lane." Then it's just him and the bright orange cones.

"But this is a great job," the Western Branch resident said. "You're always helping people. We had this one old lady hugging us so much that she wouldn't let go. And we get stacks of letters. This is a good thing."

Name: John Williams.

What brought you to this area: Slower pace and easier lifestyle than New York City.



Hometown: New York City.

Age: 58.

Nickname: The Fixer (at work).

Occupation: Senior Freeway Incident Response Team member.

Marital Status: Single, free and happy.

Children: Lionel, 29, police officer in New Jersey; Pamela, 26, court officer in New York City; and Amir, 18, first year college.

Favorite movies: "The Corrupters" and "Blade."

Magazines I read regularly: Ebony.

Favorite night out on the town: Live concerts at the Hampton Coliseum.

Favorite restaurant: Angels Food, a soul food restaurant in Timberlake Shopping Center.

Favorite meal: Fried chicken, greens, and macaroni and cheese.

What most people don't know about me: I can be a very dangerous person, but you'd never know I am a 9th Degree Black Belt.

Best thing about myself: I like to help people and genuinely care about them.

Worst habit: Sometimes I talk too much.

Pets: I like dogs, especially Chows.

Hobbies: Exercise at the gym.

Ideal vacation: I would like to go on a cruise to the Caribbean.

Pet peeves: People who talk behind your back; and people who don't listen when you're explaining something.

First job: Working as an orderly in the hospital.

Least liked job: Working as a dishwasher in a restaurant. I broke more dishes than I washed.

Favorite sports teams: Los Angeles Lakers, Dallas Cowboys and New York Yankees.

Favorite musicians: Curtis Mayfield and The Temptations.

Most embarrassing moment: When I was a cop on motorcycle patrol, I was trying to show off for some females. I wrecked the cycle and tore the whole leg out of my uniform. It was embarrassing.

How I would like to be remembered: As a good man, a hard, straight-up kind of person who cared about others.

If I received \$1 million: I'd pay off bills, buy a house, car and boat, and share with my friends.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'd talk about the Freeway Incident Response Team and the need for this service across the country. It's a great service, and we really help a lot of people on the interstates.

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# Environmental Green Breakfasts 'grow' on conservationists

By Aune Kirk  
Correspondent

Conservationists say the top four environmental issues facing Virginia today include the Tullioch Rule and draining of wetlands, poultry waste, recycling waste water and air pollution.

These topics were discussed at the monthly Environmental Green Breakfast Saturday at the Newtown Inn. About 28 people attended the meeting.

"Draining of wetlands is the biggest issue and Virginia has not stepped up to the plate. We want to protect the wetlands," said Robert Dean, founder of Clean the Bay Day and former Virginia Beach City Council member.

Dean maintains that part of Gov. Jim Gilmore's political platform was to create more wetlands, but so far that hasn't happened.

In addition, Maryland, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia have proposed more stringent controls to reduce the amount of nutrients that flow into the Chesapeake Bay, but Gilmore says they are not needed in Virginia either.

Dean said the wetlands are not only an important estuary for birds, animals and rare plants, but they provide a natural water filtration system, reducing pollution that runs into the bay.

"Of course, the Chesapeake Bay is our primary concern," he said.

On that same note, the group is also concerned about mountains of poultry waste from the Eastern Shore. Much of the manure is sprayed on farmer's fields, but it is so high in nitrogen only so much can be used without burning the plants. The rest sits and is washed into the Bay.

The nutrients from the manure promote algae growth, which in

turn consumes oxygen in the water depleting it for fish and other marine life that rely on it for survival.

The two other issues concerning environmentalists include recycling the millions of gallons of "gray water" that Hampton Roads pours into the rivers, and promoting more stringent rules on factory air pollution and auto emissions.

Dean predicts all of the environmental issues will face an uphill battle with the upcoming General Assembly, especially the "draining the wetlands" issue.

"Developers and builders who have deep pockets are some of the biggest campaign contributors to members of the General Assembly," he said. "Next to private citizens, they are the largest group."

But nature is taking its own course in some areas such as Midlothian near Richmond, where homes built on former wetlands are crumbling and splitting apart, and major lawsuits are being levied against developers and the cities.

"It should be interesting," Dean said. "Just who is liable will be tested in court."

Dean began the Green Breakfasts

in 1991 and has so far offered 121 programs, bringing in different speakers each month. The meetings are open to the public and a good way for new folks to meet people from many facets of the environmental community, and to also hear opposing views.

Ed Garcia, who wants to drain and develop Stumpy Lake, and other developers have also addressed the group on occasion.

Dean feels that conservation and maintaining a clean and healthy environment is essential not only to this area, but life in general.

"The environment affects our quality of life, and if we don't care about it today, it's only going to get worse," Dean said.

The breakfast group is still looking for a central meeting place near the freeway so it will be easily accessible to people who travel distances to attend the meetings. Finding a quiet and smoke-free environment that serves a reasonable breakfast to a group that may range in size from 28 to 138 on a Saturday morning has been a challenge.

For more information on the Green Breakfasts call, 427-6606.



ENVIRONMENTAL MEET. Monthly Green Breakfasts spear-headed by Save the Bay Day co-founder Robert Dean are a popular gathering for conservation-minded citizens.

## Collaborative exhibition explore immigration, culture in art

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia and the Peninsula Fine Arts Center have joined together to exhibit "Six Degrees of Inspiration."

The project serves as a forum for the two centers to examine the topics of recent immigration to the United States and how the cultures of origin influence contemporary art.

Each center has invited six artists representing the countries with the highest number of immigrants to the United States within the last 30 years.

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia will exhibit international artists from Russia, China, Mexico, Pakistan, Cuba and Korea. The exhibition at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia will be on view from Jan. 28 through March 26.

A free public opening will be held at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia on Jan. 27 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Carla Hanzal, curator at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, has assembled six artists who have forged identities in a new land. Their work chronicles the journeys

they have made, both physically and psychologically, between home and displacement.

Photographs by Rimma Gerlovina and Valery Gerlovina, conceptual artists who left Russia in 1980, create analogies and wordplays. Referencing Russian icons, their contemporary photographs are meditative in meaning and intent.

Ik-Joong Kang, who immigrated to the United States in the late 1980s, remembers his childhood in Seoul, Korea, where American soldiers would give chocolates to children and MacArthur was a local hero.

## BUSINESS REVIEW

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Roger M. Price, Owner/President • Serving The Area For 16 Years

Almost every business these days is willing to sell you a telephone system. But who's willing to answer your questions and help you understand the many options now available? The answer is Orbital Technologies, located in Virginia Beach at 2210 Commerce Parkway, phone 463-1533.

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Mike Nishnick, Owner/Operator

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Developing a sound financial future for yourself, your family or your business can be confusing and time consuming. Not making the right decision can be costly, and most of us do not have access to the information concerning many financial options available today.

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Marine Engine Sales Of Virginia is located in Virginia Beach at 5898 Thurston Avenue, phone 460-0117, offers factory training in gas and diesel engines. They have knowledgeable staff and an excellent reputation in the area for quality marine engines, and its repair and parts department is staffed by experts.

Before you invest in a gas or diesel inboard or stern drive, call and ask for the closest dealer and get products or pricing. Call Marine Engine Sales Of Virginia at 460-0117 today.

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When you have a job that demands an electrical contractor, contact the professionals at Mr. Electric or you can e-mail them at wire@ex.net. Regardless of the size of the job, if you want it done right, these are the people to call.

### Eddy's Business Services Over 24 Years Of Experience

Are you spending time each week preparing your company's payroll—time that could be spent running your business? What about end of month tax filing and government reports and forms? Now there is a local alternative—Eddy's Business Services, located in Virginia Beach at 1708 Pleasure House Road, Suite 103, phone 363-9884.

Running payroll can be as easy as picking up your telephone. Call Eddy's Business Services and give them employee hours, pay rate changes, new hires, deductions, etc., and they will do your payroll and deliver the checks to your door. They also provide summary reports to keep you updated on payroll costs. They will prepare federal, state and local payroll tax forms as well as quarterly reports, including Federal Form 941 and end of the year W-2 forms. Don't forget to call them for any tax preparation, bookkeeping or accounting services. They will file your personal or business taxes electronically, saving you time and money.

Payroll prepared by Eddy's Business Services is cost effective for any size business. Their goal is to improve your company's efficiency and productivity, and your payroll information is kept strictly confidential. They are a local payroll business established to help you recover and return to your normal activities or to assist you in regaining as much function of the affected area as possible. Eddy's Business Services is a growing company with honest, reliable service and are also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Phone them at 363-9884 for details on how your company can save money and time with their accurate service.

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Physical therapy is the therapeutic use of physical agents other than drugs. Through the use of heat, light, water, electricity, massage and exercise, these popular treatment techniques have been found to be very effective for individuals who have incurred an orthopedic, neurological or musculoskeletal disability.

In this area, the licensed physical therapists at Oceana Physical Therapy, located in Virginia Beach at 936-B General Booth Boulevard, phone 425-6514, are trained to detect, evaluate and treat all sorts of physical disabilities, bodily dysfunctions and pain caused by injury or disease. Oceana Physical Therapy is one of seven clinics associated with The Therapy Network. For other Virginia Beach locations, call First Colonial Physical Therapy at 437-0142, or Independence Physical Therapy at 456-2032. Call for more locations throughout Tidewater. In close association with your doctor and upon his referral, they will plan a personalized treatment program enabling you to progress as quickly and safely as possible. The ultimate goal of the professionals at Oceana Physical Therapy is to help you recover and return to your normal activities or to assist you in regaining as much function of the affected area as possible.

Physical therapy methods and treatments have been successfully utilized for years. If you've experienced a sports injury, automobile accident, a fall, a work-related injury or if your doctor has recommended physical therapy treatments, contact the caring professionals at Oceana Physical Therapy.

### Virginia Beach Country Day School

A Nobel Learning Community

Virginia Beach Country Day School, located at 2100 Harbor Lane, phone 481-0111, offers excellent educational experiences for children ages 2-1/2 through 6th grade. For more than 20 years, the school has provided Tidewater families with quality and affordable private school education. Their school is dedicated to "Building The Future—One Child At A Time." Students at Virginia Beach Country Day School thrive on their small class sizes, individualized instruction and their caring, experienced faculty.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has approved the curriculum used at Virginia Beach Country Day School. This curriculum builds on Virginia Standards Of Learning (SOL), including additional age-appropriate material and activities.

Their campus offers students a variety of experiences, certified teachers and a hands-on learning environment. The staff is devoted to helping children develop positive attitudes and effective learning habits. Creative individualized curriculum is geared to the child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. Challenging, yet attainable, goals are set for students to increase self-esteem and self-confidence. Emphasis is on self-improvement rather than competition. They encourage you to experience the difference Virginia Beach Country Day School, meet with the faculty, tour the campus, visit the classrooms and see why their students excel. Open House is February 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. At this time, enrollment for the fall semester and summer camp begins.

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# Five-star military family gets big salute

By Colleen Holmes  
Correspondent

Life in a military family is not always easy. Sgt. First Class Robert Smith, his wife, Pamela, and their three children know that all too well, after spending 18 years as one. That is why they have made helping others deal with life in the military a part of their daily lives.

The Armed Forces YMCA selected Virginia Beach's Smiths family as 1999's Army Five Star Family. Each year the YMCA holds a Five Star Military Family Recognition Luncheon to honor one family from each of the four military branches for their demonstrated commitment and contributions to the community.



**FIVE STAR FAMILY.** Recognized for their willingness to give back to the community, standing from left, are Virginia Beach military family Jennifer Smith Cribbs, Joey Ward and Sgt. First Class Robert A. Smith. Seated: Jaime and Pamela Smith.

Training Non-Commissioned Officer for the U.S. Army Garrison at Fort Story.

The family has been making significant contributions to Fort Story since they arrived there in 1992.

When asked why he takes the extra time to do all he does, Smith simply responded, "It's the kids."

One of Sergeant Smith's duties in his current position is to coordinate community activities ranging

from Clean the Bay Day to Special Olympics. Smith goes above and beyond the call of duty to organize these events, by contributing extra time and effort to make them special.

He prepares and inspects training areas for the Boy Scouts Camporee, a summer event that brings Boy Scouts from around the Commonwealth to Hampton Roads. Smith chops felled timber to provide firewood for the boys on his own time.

When the Tidewater Horse Council conducts trail rides at Fort Story, Sgt. Smith volunteers his time to make sure the trails are serviceable and safe. He then takes extra time to set up and provide free rides for children.

**Smith and his** three children have all been actively involved with the Child Development Center on the base. When the center had the equipment but not the workers to replace its playground equipment, Smith recruited some workers to help him replace the equipment in a weekend. Also, when the roof over the center's storage shed began leaking and the center did not have the funds to repair it immediately, Smith recruited a team to help him fix it.

Jaime Smith, who worked with the children in the center, coordinated fund raisers, helped put together parties, and helped the children with the games. Sgt. Smith's stepson, Joey Ward, also took a very active role in the Child Development Center before he began working and going to school.

"I used to work with kids ages 6 through 9," said Ward. "We would teach them sports, play games with

them, help with homework, and basically try to teach them rights not wrongs."

Ward noted that since the center was understaffed he would often put in 15 hour days during the summer. Even now that he is working outside the center, he said that some of the kids still come to his door to play with him. "I always feel I have a responsibility to be a good role model," said Ward.

Pamela Smith shares her husband's and children's desire to serve.

In fact, "Sometimes I think she does too much," said Sgt. Smith.

In 1994, Pamela Smith was elected as the first mayor of family housing at Fort Story. As mayor, Smith described, "Basically I'm here for people who call who are concerned about things in the community. I'm always looking out for interests in the community to make things better."

**Smith reflected** on why she is so motivated to help others.

"I guess being in the military for so long, starting as a private, you see things that go on, and the struggles you have to go through," she indicated. "Once you've been through it, you have to reach out to people."

In her capacity as mayor and beyond, Smith creates order in the community daily. Whenever there is a family in need, Smith is usually the first to know. She works to provide legal, financial, or social service support if necessary.

She notes that one of her greatest challenges recently has been helping residents deal with deaths of other community members.

"I think what has been a struggle

for us is that there have been a lot of deaths at Fort Story. There are so many things you really don't think of when you go through a death," Smith noted. "We always have food for the families and do whatever we can. The thing you have to do is to just be there. The most important thing is to listen."

The Smith family has also been recognized for its dedication to helping single parents. Ward notes that he "hangs out with and looks out for" a neighboring single soldier's six boys.

Last year, Pamela Smith and her oldest daughter, Jennifer, assisted a single soldier throughout her pregnancy. When the young woman went into labor, Mrs. Smith called the woman's mother in Chicago, and accompanied the soldier to the hospital. They stayed with her throughout the labor and delivery, never leaving her side until her mother arrived. Jennifer cut the baby's umbilical cord.

"It just made me think how many other soldiers might have gone through that alone," Smith commented.

The family was honored, and surprised to receive the recognition. "I never thought anything when we did the volunteer work," said Jaime Smith. "I thought 'I thank you' was enough, and seeing people happy, and kids smiling."

Pamela Smith also noted that she never expected anything in return for her service. "It is just a way of life for us," said Smith.

Pamela Smith indicated that when the family leaves Fort Story, they will continue to be involved in the community wherever they go.

## A TIP OF THE HAT

I was pretty happy when I found out our family got the award," said Jaime, the Smiths' 17-year-old daughter. "I thought about both of my parents, and all the work they've done. This is like a reward for the whole family."

Sgt. Smith enlisted in the Army in March 1982. From June 1992 until the present he has been stationed at Fort Story, where he was assigned to the 309th Transportation Company, 11th Transportation Battalion, eventually earning a promotion to Platoon Sergeant and Company Operations Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge.

From August 1997 until the present, he has been Operations and

## BUSINESS REVIEW

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Charles J. Ratti, Owner

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Whatever your printing needs, you can count on AlphaGraphics, located in Virginia Beach at 4000 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Suite 176, phone 463-1617. They can give your business the added "boost" to higher profits and better recognition.

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### Cellular World

An efficient source of mobile communication is a necessity today, particularly for those businesses which must serve their customers on-site or whose representatives must travel extensively. Fortunately, technology has kept up with the demand at Cellular World, the area's source for brand name cellular phones and pagers.

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Located in Virginia Beach at 2728 Virginia Beach Boulevard, phone 498-7777, Cellular World can help your employees work faster, safer and smarter. They can offer personal safety and convenience to you and those you love. These professionals are dedicated to keeping you in touch.

### Decked Out "The Outdoor Leisure Company"

Now homeowners are discovering what physical therapists have known for years—spas combine effective physical relaxation and stress reduction with easy access. To enjoy these amenities, lockers, showers and gyms have spawned personal spas for home use.

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Decked Out also features a large variety of patio furniture by famous name brands such as Cast Aluminum, Teak and Resin. They have a full line of grills including the famous Holland Grill and Ducane Grill with natural and propane gas. You will find everything you need to fill your outdoor needs. They invite you in at any time.

### Spectrum Design, PC Formerly Spectrum Engineers, PC

One profession, the importance of which we do not always recognize, is that of the architect and engineer. They are professionals who maintain certainly high ethical standards and devote their energy to providing quality design and service for the community.

We are not often made aware of the important contributions of the architectural firm because architects do not generally publicize their services. When local businesses, corporations or municipalities plan to build stores, offices and schools, an architect will be involved. When you plan to renovate or build a new home, an architect should be consulted. They prepare documents that are used for municipal approvals, obtaining construction cost estimates from selected builders, and construction. In each case, the architect designs attractive, economical and structurally sound buildings and spaces.

Applying practical planning and expertise to design our homes and buildings, Spectrum Design is a full-service firm devoted to providing skilled professional services that improve the quality of our built environment. Utilizing modern advances in this highly specialized field, Spectrum Design provides many years of design and construction administration experience, civil, structural, mechanical and electrical engineering and prepares each project with skill and accuracy. They are located in Virginia Beach at 329 Office Square Lane, and invite you to contact them for a consultation at 473-0350.

### 3 D Computer And Gaming

Almost everybody these days is willing to sell you a computer, but not everyone has the expertise to help you understand the options available today or how to apply them to your needs. 3 D Computer And Gaming explains the advantages that computerizing your operations or upgrading your current system can have for your business.

Located in Virginia Beach at 5193 Shore Drive, phone 460-3324, these computer specialists can custom design and install a system which is right for your business or personal needs. Their equipment can be ordered with any features required including network, multimedia and multi-user systems. They feature easy expansion, quick installation and competitive pricing. 3 D Computer And Gaming understands that when you're moving up, you can't afford a system that goes down. Reliability, maximum flexibility and high performance are hallmarks of their systems, and they will maintain and support that system for as long as you own it. You can also see their Website for more information at [www.3dcomputers.com](http://www.3dcomputers.com). You'll find over 1,400 computer hardware products for sale. You'll also find 3 D Computer And Gaming has the best prices in Tidewater.

If your computer doesn't meet your needs, contact 3 D Computer And Gaming. Call 460-3324 to learn about their quality computers and solid support.

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Appleone Employment Services will place individuals on assignments according to previous experience and qualifications. They offer resume writing and software workshops (one skill assessment) if you want to learn more about various fields in many cases. Temporary positions result in permanent employment for those who qualify and have the desire for full-time work. Appleone Employment Services have over 100 Websites in which they currently list with known as AppleOne Job Caster, a multi-million dollar Internet Website link. This agency wants their clients for life. They make their contacts personally with individualized attention to the businesses needs and making sure they place the right employee in the right position. They focus on quality not volume, and they send people not resumes.

Business owners are encouraged to contact them to place work orders for the day needed, or any time of the year. They are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Individuals are invited to call 416-1200 today for job placement. Appleone Employment Services believes in keeping your business running smoothly.



## Heischober replacement discussed in session

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

Should the person that will be appointed to finish Harold Heischober's City Council term which expires on June 30 be someone who wants to run for the seat in the May election?

Or should it be a caretaker, someone who will complete the term and have no interest in running for a four-year term?

Those were the questions council was to decide in a closed session called at the end of Tuesday's council meeting.

The session was called after Mayor Meyera Oberndorf pointed out that since council has no formal meeting next Tuesday, the procedure council plans to set up for the appointment would be delayed another week unless some consideration were given to the appointment on Tuesday.

She said she knew that most of the council members were being lobbied and that approximately 30 applications had been submitted.

Councilman Louis R. Jones said that council first should decide on whether or not "we're interested in appointing a caretaker or someone

who has the potential and the desire to run in the next election. If it's a caretaker," he said.

"I don't see the need for going into the interview process," Council had considered interviewing the candidates publicly.

Jones said the decision should be made before council commits itself to a lengthy hearing process of interviews of numerous candidates.

Councilman W.W. Harrison III said that he was interested in the candidate for the caretaker position have some experience with budgets. He said the caretaker should have budget experience. He said he was overwhelmed during his first budget process.

Harrison said that all of the applicants were excellent but that they don't all have experience with a billion dollar budget.

Councilman Linwood Branch III said that some of the candidates might use the interview session as a political forum.

City Attorney Leslie Lilley said that a prospective "caretaker" could agree not to run, but that there is no way council could require that an individual does not run for the council seat in the May election.

## Galapagos Gallery graces WMSM lobbies in January

The Galapagos Gallery will grace the lobbies of the Virginia Marine Science Museum now through March 26. The visual excursion to the exotic Galapagos Islands are captivated on film by the renowned wildlife photographer and adventurer, Michael Pogany.

His brilliantly photographed images bring to life the Galapagos Islands, described by evolutionist Charles Darwin as "eminently curious and well deserving of attention."

Visions of volcanic rock ignites, magnificent frigate birds soar, and

sally lightfoot crabs crawl from the still images displayed in the Galapagos Gallery. The photographs are featured in the museum's main building's IMAX lobby and in the Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion lobby.

Also featuring the Galapagos Islands at the museum is the new IMAX® 3D film Galapagos which opens to the public Saturday. Viewers will see larger-than-life 3D images of the tropical animal and plant life while following the Smithsonian Institution marine biologist Dr. Carole Baldwin on her first undersea/on-land expedition.

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A \$5 registration fee will be charged. To receive information or register call the Virginia Beach Extension Office, 427-4769. The registration deadline is Feb. 11.

The Virginia Beach Sun



## Brownie troop spreads holiday happiness

Brownie Troop 218 from Virginia Beach brought holiday cheer to the residents of Sunbridge Nursing Home. They brought cookies and other treats, sang Christmas carols, and gave out holiday hugs and back rubs. Sponsored by the Citizens Committee for the Protection of the Elderly, the girls made a real connection with their elders and pledged to form an ongoing relationship. Many of the girls don't live near their grandparents and are adopting the home. The troop's visit was such a hit that they were invited back to distribute 107 gifts to the residents on behalf of the Citizens Committee. Pictured, front row from left, are: Elizabeth Wurm, Alyssa Ules, Michael Wurm, resident Francis Curtis, Jenna Sanders, Elizabeth Cook, Jenny Wurm and Cara Prochilo. Second row: Katie Mannaker, Liz Berry, Kathryn VanDeveer and Catherine Bademan.

## Council poses public/private policy

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partaking of the vitality of the city. He said areas of the city need to be invested in and that the census will give another set of data. "We used to think of ourselves as being a young city, staying young, young, young."

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The staff has asked council to adopt the investment partnership guidelines, adopt the process to consistently apply the guidelines and address other policies that reflect council's direction if needed.

Phillips said that no other locality in Virginia has guidelines for public/private partnerships.

The report defined an investment partnership as an investment of the city's capital in combination with that of a private or other public entity to leverage the non-city investment to achieve a significant public benefit that could not otherwise be achieved.

Partnerships which the city already has include the 17th Street Park development, the Virginia Beach Amphitheater, the 9th Street Parking Garage, the Lynnhaven Mall renovation, the Heron Ridge Golf Course, the Tournament Player Club Golf Course, the advanced technology center and the higher education center.

Potential future projects are the 31st Street redevelopment, the town center at Pembroke, False Cape Lodge, Rudee Loop Development, the conference center development, the Pavilion expansion, the dome site development and the Virginia Marine-Science Museum Phase 3.

The partnerships are intended to generate surplus revenues, help keep the tax rate low, provide new revenues to help fund essential public services, to provide amenities and improve the quality of life for all, provide new job opportunities, achieve higher quality of development and increase per capita incomes.

In Norfolk, Phillips explained, the city provided infrastructure for the MacArthur Center, the lease of the building and two parking garages in partnership with the Taubman Company.

In Portsmouth, in partnership with the Stormont Trice Corp., the city provided a parking garage and conference center in connection with the construction of the Renaissance Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center.

In Roanoke, where the partner was Virginia Tech, the city participated in financing by issuing general obligation bonds for the hotel and conference center.

Other Hampton Roads cities have participated in building speculative office space.

Characteristics common to all investment partnerships include:

■ The structure and proposed agreements are legally permissible, the project is desirable in that it meets one or more City Council goals, the business arrangement

has financial integrity and the project would not proceed or would not proceed at the desired level of quality but for public sector involvement.

Evaluation guidelines recommended include two tiers, the first to determine if the project is desirable and consistent with council goals and the second to determine the significance of the economic and fiscal impacts.

Three guidelines are recommended for tier 1 and another three for tier 2.

They are:

■ Whether the investment contributes to the city goals — to diversify the tax base in strategic areas to create economic growth.

■ To provide quality jobs in important economic sectors or areas to increase per capita income which is currently below the state and national averages.

■ To create a synergy to attract other private sector development — to act as a building block for future beneficial development, thereby continuing to increase the direct and indirect economic and fiscal benefits.

■ To determine whether public participation results in greater fiscal, economic, and/or social benefits — provide a return on investment to the city over time on to provide services to the citizens.

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## Take charge of your life with home-study series

The Virginia Beach Extension Office is offering a home study course entitled "Families Taking Charge" which is designed to help families with financial planning. The series has four lessons that will be mailed to bi-weekly.

The lessons will focus on these areas:

■ Lesson one: Controlling stress, Insurance, Accepting your feelings, and Helping teens cope with parents' unemployment.

■ Lesson two: Sources of friend-

ship and support. Helping children cope. Spending less and Taking inventory.

■ Lesson three: Setting spending priorities. Deciding which bills to pay first, Talking with creditors, and Talking with your spouse.

■ Lesson four: Maintaining health, Eating well for less and What's next.

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## Widowed Persons Service reaches out to others

AARP grief and loss programs includes the Widowed Persons Service, which meets weekly in Virginia Beach at two separate locations. These are support groups for those who have lost a spouse. All ages are invited to attend and membership in AARP is not required.

Each Tuesday a group meets at the First Baptist Church of Norfolk, 312 Kempsville Rd., at 7 p.m. and concludes at 8:30 p.m.

Each Thursday afternoon a group meets at Virginia Beach Christian Church, corner of Great Neck Road and Rose Hall Drive. This meeting starts at 1 p.m. and concludes at 2 p.m. In both groups they break down into smaller groups depending on how long a person has been widowed. Both groups are for men and women.

For more information call, 420-1788 or 490-1316.

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## Skating party

A skating party has been scheduled for Windsor Oaks Elementary School students and families on Sunday, Jan. 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kempsville Family Skating Center. Skating tickets will be on sale Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday Jan. 26-28 in the morning at school and at the skating rink Jan. 30.

## NORFOLK WINTER ANTIQUES SHOW

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## Burnette performs in RU production

Mike Burnette of Virginia Beach, a senior theater major at Radford University, recently performed in RU's production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Burnette is the son of Linda Burnette.

This adaptation from the Brothers Grimm finds

the young heroine, Snow White, seeking refuge in the home of seven uproarious dwarfs following the Wicked Queens' edict. A charming tale with adventure, music and fantasy directed by Charles C. Hayes.

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## LIBRARY NOTES

■ Experience the flavors the Caribbean through steel drum music and storytelling by Elton and Mendel Williams on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Bayside Library, 936 Independence Blvd. Children especially are invited to discover this rich, diverse heritage. Call 460-7518 to register Jan. 24.

■ A Community Celebrates Roots of Diversity, African American History Month in Virginia Beach, is jointly sponsored by the Friends of the Virginia Beach Public Library, Department of Museums, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

■ If you enjoy vivid and insightful writing, join author Connie Porter to discuss her adult books, "All-Bright Court" and "Imani All Mine" at the Virginia Beach Central Library, Saturday, Feb. 12 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Best-known for her Addy books for children, Connie Porter is equally adept at exploring the complex lives of modern Black teenagers and their families. Call 437-6450 to register beginning Jan. 24.

■ The teens of NAB Little Creek Teen Center and the American Red Cross, Tidewater Chapter, will present a skit, followed by discussion, on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd. Their purpose is to help young people increase their awareness of HIV and to avoid being pressured into risky behaviors. Call 437-6450 to register beginning Jan. 24.

■ Local small business owners will share their experiences in starting up and running their businesses in a panel discussion at the Virginia Beach Central Library, Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. until noon. The first hour will be for networking and exploring the information displays, followed at 10 a.m. by the panel and a question-and-answer session. Call 437-6450 to register beginning Jan. 24.

■ Learn how to research your family's roots. Adults are invited to join Carolyn Barkley at the Virginia Beach Central Library, Saturday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. until noon for a how-to-discussion and demonstration. Call 437-6450 to register beginning Jan. 24.

■ The Bayside Area Library (936 Independence Blvd.) presents the spring storytimes Thursday, Feb. 3 from 2:15-2:45 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 4 from 10:30-11 a.m. These storytime programs will introduce children to the library, offer them new experiences in a group setting, plus help build an appreciation for literature and increase listening skills in preparation for success in school.

■ Registration must be made in person. A special instructions flyer is also available at Bayside Library at the time of registration.

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■ The Virginia Beach Genealogical Society presents two genealogical resources tours to be held at the Central Library's Local History/Genealogy Section, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### TRUSTEE SALE

900 Wancham Court  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Tommy Lenn Holland and aka Tommy L. Holland and Linda D. Holland aka Linda Fielt Holland dated June 14, 1999 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 4097, page 195, and re-recorded in Deed Book 4111, page 1469, securing a loan which was originally \$62,400.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 28, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 25, in Block N, as shown

on that certain plat entitled "Plat of the Lakes Phase II, part I, Lots 5-28 Block M, Lot 1-28 Block N, Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia," Tax Map # 14869376310000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$6,200.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP996241

### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM  
Nectar Projects, Inc.  
Substitute Trustees  
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1  
Leesburg, Virginia 20175  
(703) 777-8619

Lot 36, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Green Run P.U.D. Subdivision Section F-3" Being in the city of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Tax Map #1485-06-7983-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP996243

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Substitute Trustees  
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1  
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### Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
1257 Mozart Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Kevin S. Tyree and Sylvia A. Tyree dated December 10, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3998, page 1474, securing a loan which was originally \$134,407.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 21, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 1-A, in Block F as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Resubdivision of Lots 1 and 2, Block F and Lots 3 and 4 Block L, Ocean Lakes North, Section Five (D.B. 2538-P. 1119-1121) and Parcel B, Ocean Lakes East Section Two (D.B. 2622-P. 221-223) Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia, Tax Map #24144906630000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$13,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA

NP996186

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### Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

1333 Woodbridge Trail  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Charles W. Brubaker dated July 31, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3644, page 1907, securing a loan which was originally \$9,618.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 21, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Virginia:  
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, January 25, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

1. An Ordinance upon Application of 3 Mac Associates, L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional R-20 Residential

District on certain property located on the east side of Seaboard Road at the intersection with Bernadotte Street. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-20 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 20,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as being in the Transition Area and recommends use of this parcel for appropriate growth opportunities, consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach. Said parcel contains 19.1 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Stephen B. Ballard for a Change of Zoning District Classification from Conditional I-2 Heavy Industrial District to Conditional I-2 Heavy Industrial District with modified proffers on certain property located on the north side of Shipp's Corner Road beginning at a point 100 feet more or less west of London Witcluck Road (GPIN #1495-48-5383). The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for a variety of employment uses including business parks and appropriately located industrial uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 14.75 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSSVILLE  
3. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach Public Schools for a Conditional Use Permit for a communication tower at the northwest corner of N. Witcluck Road and Cleveland Street (#1467-75-8167). Said parcel is located at 233 N. Witcluck Road and contains 27.2 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSSVILLE.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Kempssville Church of God for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the east side of Princess Anne Road, south of Providence Road (GPIN #1476-60-8447). Said property is located at 4422 Princess Anne Road and contains 4.461 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSSVILLE.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Greg N. Winkquist for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile repair establishment and car wash at the southwest corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Opal Avenue (GPIN #1477-04-4956). Said parcel is located at 4981 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1.291 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSSVILLE.

DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE  
6. An Ordinance upon Application of Hampton Roads Fundraising Foundation, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an indoor recreational facility (multi-roomable, meeting and bingo hall) on the east side of S. Military Highway, north of Providence Road (GPIN #1456-13-3354). Said parcel is located at 964 S. Military Highway and contains 2.96 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

STREET CLOSURE: DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSSVILLE  
7. Application of Olympia Bendix LLC, c/o Olympia Development Corporation for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Bendix Road beginning at a point 434.89 feet south of Bonney Road and running in a southerly direction a distance of 464 feet more or less along the western property line and running a distance of 484 feet more or less along the eastern property line. Said parcel is 35.96 feet in width and contains 14,301 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSSVILLE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: 8. An Ordinance upon Application of Triangle Rent-A-Car, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle rentals at the northeast corner of Newtown Road and Baker Road (GPIN #1468-30-1875). Said parcel is located at 604 Newtown Road and contains 36,010 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSSVILLE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Armada/Hoffler Development Company, LLC, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-3 Central Business District to Conditional B-3A Pembroke Central Business Core District on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: Located at the southeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Garret Drive.

Parcel 2: Located at the southeast intersection of Potomac Street and Independence Boulevard.

Parcel 4: Located at the southeast intersection of Columbus Street and Independence Boulevard. (GPIN #1477-54-4974, #1477-55-4115, #1477-54-4576, #1477-44-6832, #1477-44-5543, #1477-44-7220, #1477-54-0566, #1477-54-0452, #1477-54-1442.

The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-3A is for mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented, urban activity center land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for urban center use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 18.11 acres more or less. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

All interested parties are invited to attend a public hearing at Ruth Godges Smith, CMC/AEE City Clerk.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK's OFFICE at 427-4033; Hearing Impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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### Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

3533 South Plaza Trail

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from S.T. Williams and Azalea E. Williams dated August 2, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3647, page 1447, securing a loan which was originally \$59,500.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 21, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 9 Block 16 as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Princess Anne Plaza Section One" situated in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map #1487-70-1519-0000.

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### Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
579 Grant Avenue  
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NP996270

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### Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Christine M. Julius, DOB: 10/18/84; Teresa N. Julius, DOB: 4/17/83; and Robert Julius, Jr., DOB: 4/16/82  
DAMNEY NADEAU, Plaintiff v. DON ADLEY, Defendant  
CASE NOS. 1:136651-01; 1:136642-01 & 1:136643-01

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for: Emergency Custody.

It is ORDERED that ROBERT JULIUS, SR. appear and protect his interest, on or before Tuesday, March 2, 2000 @ 11:00 a.m., which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

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# Twelfth Night

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Night program with slight nuances — just enough to keep the event fresh and interesting.

Vicki Harvey, the museum education specialist at the Land House, fine tunes the formula each year without meddling too drastically with any of the traditional features that program participants have come to expect and perhaps even crave.

"I think people are enjoying it. I think it was maybe the best ticket

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in town tonight. We sold out very early this year," Harvey remarked.

"We want people to come back. We don't want them to get to the point where they think that they've seen and done it all," smiled Harvey. "Each year we make a lot of little changes, so they're kind of afraid to miss it because it has changed."

One part of the Land House Twelfth Night program, however, has never changed and probably never will. The Williamsburg Heritage Dance Ensemble, elegantly outfitted in colonial finery, has been an essential ingredient of the celebration for 14 years. This dance troupe has been a prime attraction; people faithfully come back year after year to watch them dance

to dance with them.

In colonial Virginia, dancing and music were such an integral part of celebrations that one 18th century social observer decided that "Virginians, it would seem, must either dance or die."

"I don't think it would be Twelfth Night at the Francis Land House without the Williamsburg Heritage Dance Ensemble," declared Harvey. "They have just become a part of that tradition."

In addition to the refined colonial dancers, Land House visitors have also come to relish the refreshments supplied by the Friends of the Francis Land House, especially the rich taste of Twelfth Night cake, chocked full of almonds, currants, and raisins and baked by John Miller.

"We got it out of Early American Life, as it was called at that time. Now, I think, it's called *Early American Homes Magazine*," Miller recalled. "And it is supposed to be an authentic 18th-century recipe," she added.

Traditionally (and John Miller is a stickler for tradition) a large bean was baked in the cake. If a gentleman discovered the bean in his slice of cake, he was declared Twelfth Night king. But the lady who located the bean was granted the privilege of baking the cake for the next Twelfth Night celebration.

"The mayor (Meyera Oberndorf) found the bean," said Miller. "And Mr. Oberndorf said that if Betty Crocker didn't make a mix, it wouldn't get made next year," she laughed.

Mark Reed, Land House administrator, was on the scene as usual — wearing a period costume and greeting guests at the front door.

"This is our 14th annual Twelfth Night. It's a program that we've been doing as long as we've been open to the public," said Reed. "It really is kind of our signature program; this is the event that makes people think of the Francis Land House," he said. "We're one of the few places that I know of that celebrates Twelfth Night, and it was the Christmas celebration, the culmination of a whole year for the colonial family in Virginia."

Francis and Elizabeth Land, portrayed by Paul Lankford and Sandy Craig respectively, hosted the holiday festivities for nearly 300 guests at the historic Land House, which probably eclipsed even the most well-attended of the 18th-century Land celebrations. Lankford and Craig have faithfully portrayed the Lands in Twelfth Night programs over the years.

Twelfth Night guest, Rod Riccio said, "I thought it was an excellent program. It was a little bit of colonial life, and it fitted nicely with the house."

Riccio's wife, Lorette, added, "We enjoyed it very much. It was our first Twelfth Night, and we'll come again."

Music for the celebration was contributed by Tidewater Friends of



**A HAPPY COLONIAL COUPLE.** Christine and Dale Trowbridge are obviously enjoying themselves. They have been with the Williamsburg Dance Ensemble for the past six years and have participated in the Land House celebration for two years.



**TO YOUR HEALTH.** Mayor Meyera Oberndorf offers a toast for the season during Twelfth Night festivities.

Folk Music and the Bayside and Princess Anne High School Madrigals.

Linda Lowrance seemed delighted with the evening of entertainment. "Very, very well done," she remarked. "Wonderful dancers. You feel like you're right there in the 18th century."

Jan Lowrance was no less impressed.

He commented, "The dancers in the front hall were just remarkable. They pulled us out and we danced with them. It was really nice. We learned an old dance from colonial days."

Lowrance remarked, "Everybody was very friendly. The music was really good. I really liked the music, what they're doing down there (cellar) with the singers and the players."

Even veterans of past Twelfth

Night celebrations commented favorably on the evening.

Frances Chisholm observed, "It was wonderful. It gets better every year." She said, "I think the music was really excellent. We just heard a tune that one of the players wrote himself. It was a Celtic tune and we really enjoyed it."

"I liked the dancers," said John Chisholm. "I'm too old to participate, but I really enjoyed the other folks getting out there and scuffling around a bit."



**CUTTING UP.** Twelfth Night cake is a traditional part of the colonial holiday marking Jan. 6 as the last night of the Christmas season. John Miller has been baking the cake for 11 or 12 years — even she's not sure how long.

In 18th-century colonial Virginia, Twelfth Night celebrations were an esteemed holiday tradition, and the Francis Land House's annual festivities have helped some 20th-century Virginians to continue saving some of Virginia's rich colonial legacy.



**STEP TO IT.** Dave McNew of the Tidewater Friends of Folk Music plays his Appalachian dulcimer for Land House guests.

## Year-round school ready

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dent as well as faculty and staff attendance.

According to school officials, research studies show that students who attend classes under a year-round schedule learn better and retain knowledge longer. The year-round schedule allow students to utilize learning blocks of 45 days, have a holiday break, and then return to classes as part of the intersection learning block. Students may use the intersection for review or to accelerate their learning.

Officials add that year-round schools reduce stress, improve student behavior and attitude, reduce discipline referrals and truancy, and also reduce school vandalism and construction costs.

**For Seatack Elementary,** the road to year-round schools began at a principal's meeting in December 1998 when the proposal for schools to change to the 12-month schedule was proposed.

"After the meeting, I went back to my faculty and staff, and began talking to them. We pulled in parents, and began seriously looking at this alternative," Parker said.

Seatack was one of a dozen schools that made a proposal for the change in March 1999, but by May was the only faculty to get to the application process. On July 1, the request was approved by the School Board.

"It has been quite a process," she added. "The application was really gage after page of comments and studies and proposals. It took a lot

of hard work to get us to that point, and we still have a lot of hard work ahead of us."

Critical in making the program work was the involvement of everyone concerned, said Parker.

"We've had numerous meetings with faculty and staff, as well as parents. We also went to the Seatack Civic League, because I believe the whole community should be involved. Everyone we have talked to on a collective whole has said this would be good for the school."

Preparation has included Parker and other staff attending conferences and visiting year-round schools across the Commonwealth, including those in the cities of Hampton, Danville and Fairfax County.

"There is lots of note taking, lots of discussion, lots of networking, to make sure we get as much of the information as we can from folks who have gone through this," she said.

Some of the issues other schools have faced include changes in traditional family patterns, holidays, and day care, school officials said. Teachers and administrators may have difficulty scheduling summer university classes and attending professional conferences and workshops.

But a potential positive side-effect is that for many families, the year-round schedule will offer more flexibility for vacations since students will get holiday time in the fall, winter, spring, and summer. Also, officials said, many families have found it easier to arrange child

care for shorter holidays, as well as being easier to budget.

"It will all be a learning process for," said Parker. "But we will all get through this."

And so far, all of the student's parents seem to be ready for year-round school.

"I've not had any parent tell me specifically 'No. I won't continue to send my child to Seatack Elementary,'" Parker added.

Students who choose not to participate will be allowed to attend an opt-out school site. Transportation will be provided to those students who opt out and attend an alternative school.

But in fact, Parker said, many parents are calling from outside Seatack's boundaries asking how they can send their child to the year-round school.

"We've had calls and inquiries from parents saying they want this for their child, even though their child does not currently attend our school," she said. If enrollment numbers allow, students at other schools may be given the change to attend Seatack Elementary, Parker said, but parents would have to provide their own transportation.

And although there has been overwhelming support from faculty and staff, employees who do not wish to participate in the program will be able to transfer to another school.

"I feel very fortunate that everything has fallen into place so far," Parker said. "I am so impressed with all the teamwork and effort put in by everyone — this is going to be a great school year."

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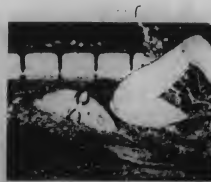
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## Say quack!

The Virginia Marine Science Museum will offer a duck-carving workshop and demonstration on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Charles Seidel, the museum's "carver in residence," will give the demonstration in the museum's replica of a water man's boathouse and dock, the major component of the "People and the Bay" exhibit. Seidel will share his 30 years of experience by showing participants what type of wood makes the best decoy, what tools are needed to get started and the various steps in the decoy-carving process. Participants may even get to try their hand at some of the techniques!

The cost of the event is \$3 for non-members and free to members. Reservations are required. Call 437-6032 for more information and registration.

## Edible plants walk

Vickie Shuler, a Back Bay Wildlife Refuge volunteer, will lead an enlightening program with her enthusiastic spirit and wealth of knowledge Saturday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. She will show several wild edible species of plants and teach you how to process and prepare them. Leave this program with a better knowledge of local edible plants.

There will be no charge for the program and there are 20 spaces available. For more information and to pre-register call, 721-2412. Office hours are 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily. The program will meet at the Asheville Bridge Creek Environmental Education Center. The center is located at 3022 New Bridge Rd.

If further directions are needed call the Visitor Contact Station at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 721-2412.

## Theatre auditions

Auditions or being held for the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach's upcoming production of "Light Up the Sky." It's a comedy about the stars, director and producers of a Broadway show and their true personalities which are evident as anxiety grows while they wait for the show's reviews.

Auditions are Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 24-25 at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be held at the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach, located at 24th Street and Barberton Drive. Performance dates for this hilarious comedy are March 17 through April 8.

For more information call the theatre, 428-9233.

## Mmm good!

Mark those calendars for Feb. 12 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., and bring the family to Seateack Community Recreation Center for a Valentine Family Pancake Breakfast. The entire family will enjoy making a delicious breakfast of valentine heart-shaped pancakes, followed by fun with family games and door prizes. Cost is \$5 per parent and youth or \$2.50 per person. For more information call, 437-4858.

## Fashion show

Don't miss the Kwanzaa fashion show on Friday, Feb. 25 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Seateack Community Recreation Center for ages 6 to 17. See the different types of African prints used in Kwanzaa attire. Learn the many different ways to wear the hair wrap. Enjoy this traditional holiday with a special fashion experience. For more information call Seateack Community Recreation Center, 437-4858.

## Teen space

Seateack Community Recreation Center will host a Sweetheart Teen Dance on Feb. 11 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for youth age 11 to 17. Dance with deejay Rockmaster to your favorite hip hop tunes. It will be a fun and safe experience for everyone. Bring a membership card or buy a day pass for \$3. For more information call Seateack Community Recreation Center 437-4858.

## Elderly help

The Citizens' Committee to Protect the Elderly is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that offers assistance programs. The Volunteer Visitors Program provides companionship to residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. It offers information and guidance for those who are considering placing a loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility.

The committee is accepting volunteers who wish to visit residents in need of companionship at nursing homes and assisted living facilities or who may wish to help coordinate and implement community service projects. There are also openings for volunteers who would enjoy being part of the office staff. Call 498-8600, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

# Old Coast Guard Station ponders age-old query 'What's in a name?'

## New exhibit explores history of this Virginia Beach landmark

By Colleen Holmes  
Correspondent

Between the 24th Street Stage and the long stretch of resort hotels lies a wealth of Virginia Beach history — The Old Coast Guard Station.

Now a museum celebrating its hard-won history, the station has served Virginia Beach citizens and visitors under three different names. Its current exhibit, "Under Three Names," explores this rich past through Jan. 30.

The waterfront Coast Guard Station was decommissioned in 1969 and opened as a museum in 1981. Its first name, The Virginia Beach Maritime Historical Museum, was misleading, according to Ann Henry, a docent who has volunteered with the museum since its opening.

"People thought it was a maritime museum," said Henry.

The museum's next name also caused confusion. "The Lifesaving Museum of Virginia" deceived many visitors.

"People thought it was a museum of lifeguards and lifeguarding, especially those locals who earned their living as lifeguards," said Henry.

"Finally, we changed our name to 'The Old Coast Guard Station,' because that's what everybody called it anyway," noted Ann Dearman, the station's education/program director.

A lifelong Virginia Beach resident, Henry was drawn to volunteer work at the museum because it was the city's

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AND ON YOUR LEFT YOU'LL SEE... Museum docent Bill Hawkins acquaints museum visitors with the equipment Coast Guardsmen used around the turn of the last century.

## City 'treed' on Celebrate 2000 greening project

By Aune Kirk  
Correspondent

Virginia Beach is getting a facelift of the "green" variety. The treatment is 2,000 new trees that will be planted on public property to enhance the beauty of city parks, school grounds, public buildings and roadways throughout the city.

Last week Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf helped plant the first tree, a flowering Japanese cherry, at a ceremony in the Volunteer Garden located behind City Hall.

"We are turning another page in the history of Virginia Beach that will last for many generations," she said. "We know the trees will be beautiful for years to come."

Oberndorf said the Celebrate 2000 project is in line with the city's policy to maintain the greatest number of trees possible in the area. The new trees are over and above the 550 trees that will be planted this year as replacements or new landscaping along streets and in subdivisions.

She cited an old English proverb that said, "The meaning of life is to plant a

tree under whose shade you will never sit."

The first tree is 4 to 5 years old and stands about 6-feet tall. Its first flowers should appear this spring.

According to Roger Huff, city arborist, 34 different species and cultivars will be planted including oak, maple, cherry, crepe myrtle and olive.

Following the ceremony, he was on his way to order the first batch of 300 to 350 trees, which will come from as far away as South Carolina and Maryland.

"About 90 percent of the trees are native to this area," he said. "But, many were not available locally because of heavy demand."

For the next three months, the "Tree Team 2000" clad in green sweatshirts will be busy planting the trees. Boy Scouts and other civic groups will also lend a hand. The project will conclude with an Arbor Day celebration on April 14.

At that time, a small sycamore grown from cutting of a tree at the Berkeley

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DIGGING IN. Mayor Meyera Oberndorf and David M. Grochmal, director of the Virginia Beach Department of General Services, plant the first tree of Celebrate 2000, a Japanese flowering cherry.

## Family starts year with dream fulfilled

### Virginia Wesleyan, Habitat for Humanity dig in to construction

By Deanne Brady  
Correspondent

Construction hasn't yet begun on Deonne Jenkins and Demetria Gordon's Virginia Beach home, but they already moved the grass on the site, decided that their bathroom will be purple and green, and told their four children that they can have a Dachshund once they unpack.

The couple says that they are so excited because they thought it would be years

before they'd have their own home. But with the help of South Hampton Roads Habitat for Humanity and Virginia Wesleyan College their dream is coming true a lot sooner than they expected.

"I'm only 26," said Jenkins. "I never thought I'd get a house until I was 35 or 40."

Last Saturday afternoon, the

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COMING HOME. After a year of waiting, the Jenkins/Gordon family broke ground on the site where they will soon reside with help from Virginia Wesleyan students.

## Beauty is in the eye of the 'bee' holder

### 54-40 African-American Quilt Guild exhibit delves tradition

By Colleen Holmes  
Correspondent

"Shirley's Cabin Fever," "Underground Railroad" and "Wheels of Whimsy" — this is not your child's summer reading list, but instead three featured pieces in the "Quilts from the 54-40 African American Quilters Guild" exhibit going on now at the Francis Land House.

The Hampton Roads-based quilts guild began in 1993 when the original eight guild members completed a quilting class.

Group member JoAnn Cramatie stated that the group size has fluctuated between nine and 15 members. The guild has done eight or nine exhibits throughout the Hampton Roads area, and recently did a show at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania.

"We do quiltings, wall hangings, banners, vest, all kinds of things," said Cra-

matic.

While all the works illustrate the quilter's personality and individuality, some of the pieces have significance beyond the artistic expressions.

Two of the wall hangings featured are "round robins," also known as "quilting by mail." To create a round robin, the owner must make the center of a quilt, then pass it on to another guild member, who will add a round and pass it on to another quilter. After about four months, the owner receives the quilt that she began, and gets to see what everyone else added. She then completes the piece by adding the final border.

Cramatie explained the historical significance quilting had for African Americans.

"Usually all they did was scrap quilts,

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QUILTING RIVALRY. JoAnn Cramatie shows guests a quilt she assembled for her son, a Dallas Cowboys fan. Preserving her loyalty, she included a large patch featuring her favorite team, the Washington Redskins, on the back.

## Commentary

### A little foresight

Sleet, snow, freezing rain, howling winds and bone-chilling temperatures could all be part of Virginia's weather scenario this winter.

In recent years Virginians have had to deal with massive snow drifts, ice storms, closed highways, subzero temperatures, prolonged power outages and fuel shortages. This season could offer more of the same.

But severe weather doesn't have to be a life or death peril. If residents prepare now for winter hazards and pay close attention to National Weather Service advisories, they can safely face the season's bad of tricks.

Take note of the top 10 winter tamers provided by the Virginia Department of Emergency Services and make the cold months safer for you and your family:

■ Stock an emergency supply of water and non-perishable food.

■ Keep an adequate supply of fuel in your home. Have an alternate heat source such as a wood stove, fireplace or space heater in case you lose power.

■ Make sure you have a flashlight, a battery-powered radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit and extra prescription medications on hand.

■ To prevent hypothermia, dress warmly during the day and while sleeping. Several layers of lighter weight clothing or blankets are better than a single, heavy layer. Be sure to wear a hat when going outside since nearly half of the body's heat is lost through the head.

■ Check on elderly neighbors and relatives. Older people are especially susceptible to hypothermia — even inside their homes. Icy and slippery surfaces can also cause dangerous falls.

■ Be sure that your car is in good running order. Have a mechanic check your battery, antifreeze, wipers, ignition and thermostat. Good tires are imperative.

■ Keep basic items in your car like a windshield scraper, battery booster cables, tow chain or rope, bag of sand, blanket, flashlight, first aid kit, road map and some non-perishable food.

■ If you get caught on the road during a winter storm, stay in the car. Don't seek shelter or a telephone unless you see one close by. For heat, turn on the car engine for brief periods only.

■ To keep water from freezing, wrap them in pipe insulation. During sustained cold periods, let each faucet drip a little to avoid freezing.

■ Cold weather puts a strain on the heart, even without exercise. During the Blizzard of 1996 in some parts of Virginia, more people died from heart attacks brought on by overexertion than from any other cause. Be careful when shoveling snow, pushing a car or other strenuous activity.

And remember, when it comes to dealing with Old Man Winter, forewarned is forearmed. — V.E.H.



## Holding out for a hero

In American politics, we have found an answer to the pop song's plaintive cry, "Where have all the heroes gone?" In case you haven't noticed, two of them are running for president of the United States.



### Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

more than day does from night.

We all went to school with men like Bill Bradley — the somewhat shy athlete whose dedication and prowess never failed us when the chips were down. But Bradley excelled at everything he did, not just athletics, primarily by never allowing himself to be diverted from the task at hand.

Clearly, Bradley is head and shoulders above the norm and not just in height. His superior intellect, personal grit and genuine love for America's principles, purpose and people reminds me greatly of another lanky, self-made president who also came out of the mid-west to lead our nation in its most critical hour.

And, like every genuine hero, Bradley's strongest suit is his humility. It is mind-boggling that a man who won a Rhodes scholarship, place in the ABA Hall of Fame and two terms in the U.S. Senate could so strongly identify with the average Joe and believe so deeply in the wisdom of our collective will. Such intense belief in one's countrymen is the rock-bed foundation of the American spirit, and no one exemplifies that spirit more than Bill Bradley.

One of Bradley's most positive attributes is his ability to listen. But it is time we showed the common sense to start listening to him. He wisely counsels that we can't achieve big goals unless we prioritize them and focus the full force of our national will to make them happen.

That is how we won two world wars, broke down the legal barriers to civil rights, conquered outer space

and established Social Security for every American. Now it's time to tackle universal health care, governmental reform and an excellent educational system for our youth.

As Bradley says, unless we are bold and determined, we can not change the status quo. No game was ever won by lackluster effort and timidity of purpose. But, first we need the leader who can inspire that unity and marshal it into action. Bill Bradley is just such a leader, offering America a chance to stop helplessly wringing its hands and start solving its most pressing problems.

The second real life hero in the presidential race didn't start out as a sure-fire hero in any sense. John McCain was far more likely to win

order with McCain than it did with Bradley. It was not until life foisted Bradley onto the public stage that he was finally able to fully develop his natural political skills and become the people person he had always been in his heart.

With McCain, fate had a much harsher test at hand. Five years in solitary confinement in a Vietnamese prison camp would have broken a lesser man. But it only tempered the steel of a man like McCain. Forced as he was into an environment in which only deep reflection and sheer determination could offer success, the inner McCain not only met the challenge, but grew from it.

From that day forward, McCain has dedicated his life to serving causes greater than himself. Not since an charismatic war hero from Massachusetts became our president has any political leader so inspired the American people, especially our youth.

### That is how we won two world wars, broke down the legal barriers to civil rights, conquered outer space and established Social Security for every American.

McCain is a passionate warrior who battles daily on behalf of the American people. To the horror of many Republicans, he is as willing to take on the special interests of big business as the trial lawyers or big labor. But, as a true conservative who believes in fighting for the rights of individuals against all power brokers, whether those brokers are lobbyists that bankroll the Republican or Democratic parties.

A McCain presidency offers the American people a staunch commitment to clean up the corrupting influence of big money on our government, revitalize our military and support for a fiscally responsible middle-class tax cut with a long-range plan for shoring up Social Security, Medicare and paying down our \$5 trillion national debt.

But it is not just their sound policies that make Bradley and McCain such welcome candidates. It is reassuring to know that America can still produce such honest-to-goodness public men who respect us enough to tell it like it is and trust our capacity to collectively solve any problem that crosses our horizon.

Now, let's pray the two party machines don't succeed in their effort to deny the American people the chance to vote for either one of them. If they do, I fear we could tragically find ourselves still holding out for a hero for many more years to come.

## Gore opens mouth, inserts foot again

I had hoped all last week that Al Gore would not say or do something stupid for me to write about. But, sure enough, next to his statement that Bill Clinton



### The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist

"would go down in history as a great president," he made one of the most ridiculous remarks that he has yet to make. During the debates in Des Moines, Iowa, Gore said that he would "give a thumbs up" to his appointees to the Joint Chiefs of Staff to support his policy that gays should be allowed to serve openly in the military. Millions of listeners heard him say it, but after coming under heat from former members of the Joint Chiefs and Sen. John Kerry, a Vietnam veteran campaigning for him in New Hampshire, Gore comes up with another one of those "what I meant to say."

He now claims that "what I meant to convey was I would not tolerate, nor would any commanders in chief, nor would any president, tolerate or not be following."

That is not even close to what he said, but Gore believes — like his soulmate Bill Clinton — that he can convince the American people that they didn't hear what they heard.

The premise upon which he based either statement is goofy. The only general in recent history who failed to "carry out" the orders of his commander in chief was Douglas MacArthur. He was fired by President Harry Truman.

In addition, the "don't ask, don't tell" policy is as hypocritical as it can be. It's like sticking your head in the sand and hoping the problem will go away. Colin Powell and other former chiefs of staff say that gays in the military under war-time conditions would cause all kinds of problems, but that they support the "don't ask, don't tell" order for lack of a better solution.

That kind of reasoning is troubling coming from such a great leader as Colin Powell. Would he send men and women into battle to be killed for lack of a better solution?

I think not, but the gay thing is a political hot potato. Neither the Democrats or Republicans have the guts to tell it like it is.

Gays either should or should not be in the military. Period. It is unfair to them to keep playing games like "don't ask, don't tell." It sounds like something little children would play. Unfortunately, we have adults with children's minds running the country and protecting their own buttocks. Welcome to the real world.

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## Snow brings out kid in us

Ah, just the prospect of snow in the air fills me with wonderment!

As I write this the office is awash with talk of fluffy blankets of the white precipitation spreading across Hampton Roads.

Will it come? Or won't it come? Will we have a dusting, or a storm, or none at all? I admit the possibility of snow brings out the kid in me.

On one hand, I say, "Snow, go away," because I know it will bring a slew of cancellations, school closings, traffic accidents and power outages.

On the other hand, I say, "Bring it on," because...well...I just like to play in the snow.

What a dilemma. It has been a little while since we've had a nice coating. Sure, on Christmas Eve the flakes were flying enough

for us all to sing "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas." The fact is it's the middle of January and Christmas is well past, but we still have these images of snow-dusted roofs and doors hung with holiday wreaths. It's a pretty picture in our minds.

Dare I say it? Bring on some snow, but just for a day. Let us take our beautiful snapshots. Let us don heavy coats and mittens, then trudge through knee-deep snow until our noses run and our feet are frozen. Let children experience the joy of making a snow angel, then coming inside for cups of steaming hot chocolate.

I admit my motives are selfish. You see, Mitch is a toddler now and I long to see him bundled up in the heavy snowsuit my mom gave him for Christmas. I want to take his little hand in mine and walk through fresh, unmarked snow. Then I want us to turn around and see our two sets of footprints which, to a young child, seem to have appeared by magic.

I want Evan, Mitch and I to have great fun building his first snowman, and to experience the joy of topling it over if he so desires. Though he's little, I want him to have fun packing some snowballs, then walloping them at his Daddy. Notice how I didn't say at me? And this kid has a good left arm — his pitches might sting.

I want him to stare at tree branches dripping with icicles, as if they are some precious diamonds hanging off. And I want him to taste his first batch of snow cream, a delicious concoction of snow, vanilla and sweetened, condensed milk.

And I want to take pictures of him having all this revelry so I can preserve those precious moments for all time.

Why? For starters, I am a sentimental sap. But I also remember how snow days were special days growing up. They were times when all the neighborhood kids got together for snowball fights and innocent mischievousness.

Dad would usually be home from work on those snowy days, so we'd set out on adventures by foot.

Mom would dress me in layer after layer and admonish me to stay warm. And when I came in the house, cold and hungry, she'd dry my coat, mittens and hat beside the dining room radiator. Hot chocolate or warm soup would be waiting.

Snow days are the stuff of memories. Even when we're old we look back on those chilly times with warm thoughts.

So this winter I say, "Bring on the snow," if only for a day. A day can last a lifetime when it comes to our remembrances.



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## How to make your money go farther

Last week with the help of Priscilla Graves, the family and consumer sciences agent for the city of Virginia Beach, we learned how to get out of debt. Today we are going to learn "how to make our money go farther."



**The Mayor's Report**

Mayor Meyera Oberdorf

Did you know that you control your financial destiny? You are responsible for the amount of money you earn and for the amount of money you spend. What have you got to show for the money you make each month?

**Successful money managers control the way they spend their money. They use money to accomplish the things that are important to them. The ability to manage money has to be learned, developed and practiced on a daily basis.**

are worth: Your financial net worth is determined by subtracting all you owe (your debts) from all you own (your assets). This information will be useful when determining your insurance needs, when applying for loans, settling a divorce, or planning your financial future.

5). Know how much money you make: Money is usually obtained from one or more of the following sources: earnings from wages, salary, tips, commission, rent, interest, dividends, social security, retirement benefits, friend and/or relatives and social security.

6). Know how much money you spend: Write down everything that you spend every day for a month. When you make a purchase, write down the amount. After you have a written record of where all of your is going, divide your spending into categories: fixed, flexible and miscellaneous expenses.

8). Evaluate your spending plan: After you live with your spending plan a while, review it. If you put \$100 in savings at the first of the month and had to take out \$50 before the end of the month, then maybe you can only afford to save \$50 a month. Reviewing your spending helps you decide exactly how much you can spend or save. Remember, what you have in the future will depend on what you do with your money today.

Priscilla Graves, family and consumer sciences agent for the city of Virginia Beach, contributed to this column.

money. They use money to accomplish the things that are important to them. The ability to manage money has to be learned, developed and practiced on a daily basis.

There are eight steps to successful money management:

1). Get your self organized: Keep all of your family records and business correspondence in one location. When you receive any bill or important letter from a creditor, put the correspondence in its proper place in your business center. Your business center may be elaborate or simple. The type of system doesn't matter as long as you have some way to organize your financial papers. Using large envelopes or individual file folders in a file may separate the papers or use a box or cabinet. Another alternative would be to use a three-ring binder notebook with dividers.

2). Determine your goals: Good money management begins with goal setting. Goals give you direction. They give you a purpose for the way you spend your money, when setting goals, make a list. Make your goals very specific.

3). Look at all available resources: To reach your goals, you'll need to look at all the resources available to you. They may include time, energy, skills, interests, knowledge, community service or material goods.

4). Know how much money you

## Black History Month events scheduled at Virginia Wesleyan

Join the students, faculty and staff at Virginia Wesleyan for a celebration of Black History Month all throughout February at different spots on campus. All events are free and open to the public:

■ Wednesday, Feb. 2, Village II Commons - Black Film Festival, featuring three short films, each exploring a different era of black cinema. Refreshments available for purchase.

■ Thursday, Feb. 3, noon, Shafer Dining Hall - A Civil Rights Retrospective. Students who participated in the January term civil rights tour will present their findings and reactions. Bring a bag lunch or purchase lunch at the college.

■ Thursday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m., Village II Commons - The History of Modern Jazz. A lecture-demonstration, presented by Charles W. Edmonds. Discover or

just enjoy black classical music by the masters. Refreshments served.

■ Tuesday, Feb. 22, noon, Shafer Dining Hall - Black Women Poets Reading. The works of Georgia Douglas Johnson, Gwendolyn Brooks, Nikki Giovanni, Sonia Sanchez and other nationally-known poets will be presented by Linda Berry, assistant to the dean of students for multi-cultural affairs. Bring your lunch or purchase lunch at the college.

■ Thursday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m., Village II Commons - Black Life on the Eastern Shore. A lecture-discussion presented by Lenora Mitchell.

■ Sunday, Feb. 27, 2 p.m., Memorial Chapel - The Two Bases. Benjamin Berry and Peter Lucas in concert, presenting works by acclaimed African-American composers. A reception will follow. All events are free.

## Auxiliary deputies sought

The Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the positions of auxiliary (volunteer) deputies.

If you're interested in a challenging opportunity in corrections, or if you're preparing to separate from the military and wish to begin or continue work in the corrections field, consider our professional training program. Upon successful completion, you'll receive Department of Criminal Justice Services

certification.

Qualifications: You must be at least 21 years of age and be able to pass a background investigation, as well as written, psychological, physical and polygraph exams.

For more information contact Master Deputy Steve Danner, 430-8260. Applications available from the personnel office at the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, 2501 James Madison Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

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## Up close and personal

### Paula Miller: Here's the scoop

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

These days the table is turned on Paula Miller.

A familiar face to Hampton Roads television viewers, "Scoop" Miller is one of the enduring names in local news. She appeared on WTKR-TV for 15 years as a reporter and substitute anchor, making her mark in investigative, beat, general assignment and medical reporting.

After a decade and a half of working at break-neck speed, these days Miller is settling into a new job as public information officer for the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office.

"What's funny is that now I'm privy to all this information that, as a reporter, I was chomping at the bit for," she reflected.

Miller is one of the few whose career path was mapped out at an early age.

"I was one of those kids who knew what I wanted to do by my sophomore year of high school," she said. "I had the good fortune of having a guidance counselor whose husband was a reporter for the *Buffalo Evening News*. She connected me to her husband, who introduced me to people at the newspaper and television station."

Miller set her sights and "stayed the course. I knew I wouldn't stray at all. I knew it was going to take a lot of hard work."

First, she earned an associate's degree in communications/media from Genesee Community College in her native New York, followed by a bachelor's degree in speech communication from State University of New York.

Miller paid her dues, first as a correspondent for the *Buffalo Evening News*, then stints as a news reporter/anchor on local radio.

"That's where I got the day-to-day experience doing the nitty gritty," she said.

And she never forgot her boss' advice, "Paula, those police scanners are our bread and butter."

Miller landed her first television job as a weekend assignment editor and associate producer at WVOR in Rochester, followed by a reporting/morning anchor position at WSEE-TV in Erie, Pa.

Luck — and persistence on her father's part — stepped in in 1984. While visiting her parents, who briefly lived in Hampton Roads, Miller got an interview at WTKR.

"I remember my father said, 'Don't come without a tape (of her clips) and a resume.' The last couple of days I was there, my dad asked me if I had called any stations yet," she mused.

Being the dutiful daughter, Miller pulled out the Broadcasting Yearbook and picked a station — WTKR. She landed an interview — and a job.

While at the station Miller covered such stories as the USS *Iowa* explosion, the Walker spy ring and the 1988 Presidential Primary. In that time she also married husband George, staff attorney with the Norfolk Sheriff's Office, and raised two children.

As the years passed and her children got older, Miller yearned to spend more time with them. But television work means long, often erratic hours.

"I was weaning myself off the news. The bigger my kids got, I told myself I had to do something about that. But it took a while because I wasn't sure what to do. It was a fluke that I heard about this job and applied for it. I had covered this jail for years," she said.

The public information officer job was formerly a sworn position; now it's a civilian post. Miller joined the office late last year.

"It took a lot of soul searching, but I was ready for a change," she admitted. "I had heard them talk about this office as being a family. Now I understand. It really does have a family atmosphere."

As public information officer, Miller handles media inquiries and, ironically, grants jail interviews — the kind she used to do.

"Right now I'm also working on building a web page for the sheriff's office. I'm a community liaison to civic organizations, write the newsletter and write for the quarterly sheriff's magazine."

The regular hours are a relief to Miller who, with 10- and 6-year-olds, has lots of games, recitals and practices to attend.

"My day's not really shorter, but the pressure of those deadlines is off," she said.

As a busy mom, Miller is committed to her children's school, Holy Trinity. She serves as president of the Parent Teacher Organization. It's almost a job-in-itself with eight fundrais-



ers and numerous meetings. She's also a member of the Mayor's Task Force on Ocean View in Norfolk, where the family resides. Miller is a founding member of Investors By The Bay, a women's investment club.

"It's a balancing act," Miller said.

But she has it all under control.

**Name:** Paula Miller.

**What brought you to this area:** I accepted a reporting position with WTKR-TV in 1984.

**Hometown:** Batavia, N.Y.

**Age:** 40.

**Nickname:** When I was in the news business, they called me "Scoop" Miller. Now, it's mostly "Mom."

**Occupation:** Public information officer, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office.

**Marital Status:** Married to George Schaefer, staff attorney for Norfolk Sheriff's Office.

**Children:** Georgie, 10, and Molly, 6.

**Favorite movie:** "The Sound of Music."

**Magazines I read regularly:** *George*, *Virginia Sheriff* and *Coastal Living*.

**Favorite author:** Patricia Cornwell.

**Favorite night out on the town:** With my husband: a quiet dinner and movie. With my family: a chaotic dinner and movie.

**Favorite restaurant:** The Ship's Cabin in Norfolk.

**Favorite meal and beverage:** Seafood and one glass of Riesling wine.

**What most people don't know about me:** I'm one of eight children.

**Best thing about myself:** I'm a good friend and listener.

**Worst habit:** My husband says I'm den mother to everyone.

**Pets:** White English Setter named Casper.

**Hobbies:** Golf and gourmet cooking.

**Ideal vacation:** Anywhere with no phones.

**Pet peeves:** Parents who drop their children off at school in the fall and pick them up in the spring.

**First job:** Deli clerk at age 17. Professionally, country music disc jockey.

**Least liked job:** I won't say so I won't offend someone, somewhere.

**Favorite sports teams:** Buffalo Bills and Norfolk Tides.

**Favorite musicians:** Barbra Streisand, Jimmy Buffet and Johnny Mathis.

**Most embarrassing moment:** I had to ride an elephant in Erie, Pa. as a promotion for the circus. It was the now-deceased mayor, some male deejays and me. I was given the biggest elephant and told to hold on to its ears. I couldn't reach its ears. I dug in my heels for the longest ride of my life through town.

**How I would like to be remembered:** As a woman who had her priorities straight: Faith, family and dedicated worker and volunteer.

**If I received \$1 million:** I would give half the money to my church and children's school and spend half on my family (assuming college is already paid off).

**If I had 10 minutes on national television:** I would talk about the importance of the family unit.

## African-American history month activities slated

The Friends of the Virginia Beach Public Library and the Virginia Beach Department of Museums, Department of Parks and Recreation and the Virginia Beach Public Library invite the public to "A Community Celebrates Roots of Diversity."

It's a month-long series of programs exploring African-American cultural traditions for all ages. Additionally, a panel discussion on "Establishing a Small Business" will honor local entrepreneurs and share their insights. The Friends of the Virginia Beach Library is the primary sponsor for programs that will be presented at the libraries.

■ Jan. 24, registration for programs begins. Register at the

event's location, or call 437-6450.

■ Feb. 5, 2 to 3 p.m., Francis Land House - "All in a Day's Work: The Plantation Slaves," a lecture tour for teens and adults. Call 431-4000.

■ Feb. 6, 3 to 4 p.m., Central Library - "The African American Experience in Colonial Virginia" interpreted in storytelling, music and dance by Sylvia Tabb-Lee for young people.

■ Feb. 12 - 10 to noon, Central Library - "African American Genealogy Workshop," a lecture and demonstration by Carolyn Barkley on researching family roots, for adults.

■ Feb. 12 - 3 to 4:30 p.m., Central Library - "An Afternoon with Connie Porter" discussing her adult books.

■ Feb. 13 - 3 to 4 p.m., Bayside Library - "Under the Mango Tree" Caribbean music and stories for the whole family.

■ Feb. 18 - 6 to 9 p.m., Seaside Recreation Center - Step Teams for all ages. Call 437-4858.

■ Feb. 19 - 9 a.m. to noon, Central Library - "Establishing a Small Business," advice from a panel of successful local entrepreneurs, for adults contemplating a business of their own.

■ Feb. 26 - 2 to 4 p.m., Central Library - A HIV Prevention skit by the Teen Center Little Creek Naval Base and the American Red Cross Tidewater Chapter, for children 6 to 18.

■ Feb. 27 - 2 to 5 p.m., Central Library - a Gospel Concert with

local choirs, soloists and youth dancers, a family program for all ages.

■ Feb. 28 - 7:30 to 8:45 p.m., Kempsville Library - A Cultural Awareness Children's Literature Workshop with Dr. Gail S. Taylor of ODU, for parents.

"A Community Celebrates Roots of Diversity" is jointly sponsored by the Friends of the Virginia Beach Public Library, Department of Museums and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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# Mayor to CCO: 1999 was year of achievement

**Editor's note:** The following is Mayor Meyera Oberndorf's annual address to the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations. It is not her official state of the city address.

I'm delighted to be here this evening with members of the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations. The CCO is well known and respected throughout Virginia Beach and indeed throughout Hampton Roads for your excellent work in educating and informing our citizens. I commend you for your continuing dedication.



Oberndorf  
Mayor of your city's continuing dedication.

I have a lot of exciting information to share with you about the city of Virginia Beach and our successes over the past year. Let me hit on some of the highlights:

■ As always, education continues to be a top priority in Virginia Beach. We foster life-long learning and create and sustain opportunities so our residents will be empowered and ready to meet the challenges of the future. This effort goes hand-in-hand with our economic development projects so that our young people will be not only well-qualified but also able to find the jobs they seek right here in our own community.

Our commitment to education is a serious one. Each year, we allocate more than half of the city's budget to support our school system — the second largest in Virginia. This year that commitment totals \$512 million. Add to that the variety of related youth and educational programs we fund each year and you have a significant commitment to the future of our youth.

Even more significant is the commitment to capital projects. The city's Capital Improvement Program currently contains \$368 million dollars for education projects with \$72 million of that being spent this year. From new schools to modernized schools...from improved technology to higher education, we're making significant progress.

This year we celebrate the completion of two replacement schools, W.T. Cooke and Seastack Elementary, the construction of New Castle Elementary, and the construction of High School 2001 in the Princess Anne Commons section of the city.

We also worked in concert with

Virginia Beach City Public Schools administration and School Board in a successful collaborative effort to secure state lottery proceeds to fund the school modernization program.

By working together, we were able to develop a plan to modernize two schools per year, using not only existing bond authority, but also anticipated lottery proceeds recently permitted by the General Assembly.

Partnering with Old Dominion University and Norfolk State University, we opened the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center and finalized plans for the Advanced Technology Center, a collaborative effort between the Commonwealth of Virginia, Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach City Public Schools and the city. A genuine "Academic Village" is beginning to blossom in Princess Anne Commons.

How do we generate revenue to help pay for our commitment to education and to other city services? We do it through wise investments, re-investments and partnerships. Let me talk about a few of those:

■ 1999 was a banner year for economic development in the city of Virginia Beach. During this year our Department of Economic Development successfully attracted 13 new companies and retained or expanded 25 existing companies. This created 588 new jobs and retained 881 current jobs.

The city sold more than 27 acres in our business and industrial parks. This includes a total of 118,380 square feet of office and warehouse space to be constructed by new and existing companies as well as 554,725 square feet absorbed (leased space) for existing office/industrial businesses. Capital investment was \$58.7 million.

Calvin Coolidge once said "This chief business of the American public is business." It is true that no city can prosper unless it is economically viable for its citizens and successful in attracting, retaining and partnering in new business. We will continue to invest in new assets for the community and create new business partnerships which benefit our citizens in so many ways.

■ During 1999, we welcomed the full complement of 156 F/A-18 fighter planes, their crews and families to the city and the region. The economic impact will be significant with an expected \$1 billion annual regional economic impact and \$7.8 million in local tax dollars. The commitment of these planes means the Navy's contribu-

tions to our area will continue for years to come. It also means that we've had an increase in air traffic, and jet noise. We are working together with members of the community and the Navy to improve communication and create opportunities for working together on this issue.

■ We welcomed more visitors during 1999 as well. This year we hosted a record number of vacationers and benefited from a record number of tax dollars to help fund city operations. Hotel sales were the highest in 14 years and tourist spending was up about 7 percent. We were also successful in having Route 44 re-designated as I-264, making Virginia Beach easier for our visitors to find and more attractive from an economic development perspective. In a cooperative effort with the U.S. Fish and

Learning, English philosopher, lawyer and politician Francis Bacon said, "They are ill discoverers that think there is no land, when they see nothing but sea."

**Development** of Town Center makes sense from a number of perspectives, but particularly from a land use standpoint. By building the facility on prime property that was destined to be used for retail development anyway, we are being proactive in molding our future and at the same time preserving open space in the southern portion of the city. The net fiscal impacts generated by Town Center (\$9 million over 10 years) will be more than offset infrastructure costs and yield a positive return to our city and our schools.

Virginia Beach is an outdoor city. As soon as the sun comes up, our residents are out there enjoying the day. One aspect of Town Center that I particularly like is that the design includes outdoor plazas and patios and promotes pedestrian movement on foot from business to shopping stop to theater to residence. This warm, family-friendly and pedestrian-friendly center will allow us to contribute to the quality and flavor of our city while at the same time increasing our tax base and creating new jobs, making our city even more economically vital.

"They are ill discoverers that think there is no land, when they see nothing but sea." Take it from me, folks, there's land to be discovered out there with the Town Center project.

■ Once again, for the ninth year in a row, Virginia Beach's crime rate was so low we were rated by the FBI as America's safest city with more than 300,000 in population. As we begin a new year our goal continues to be a "feeling of safety: any time, any place."

Our Community Policing Initiative continues to be extremely successful, and is consistent with a concept called "Fixing Broken Windows," outlined in a book by that same title written by George Kelling and Catherine Coles.

This philosophy, which has been embraced by many large police departments, suggests that if you have a neighborhood with a few "broken windows" that are not fixed, people soon conclude that no one cares. A few broken windows then give way to a few more and pretty soon people assume that no one is in control of the streets. Our effort to fix "broken windows" may seem insignificant, but it has helped give the streets back to our residents and improve their quality of life.

Other policing initiatives are working as well. The Citizens Police Academy continues to involve and educate our citizens about law enforcement. The RCMP program, which places a police officer in every community recreation center, is helping to reach at-risk youth, and the School Resources Officer program in the Public School System is helping to keep our schools safe.

We also invested in a state-of-the-art, computer-assisted emergency telephone response system to

better serve citizens in times of greatest need. The new response system includes a computer-aided dispatch system, an upgraded to the city's public safety radio system, that guarantees citizens help and the city will be able to respond quickly.

■ We've been working hard to make several improvements to neighborhood appearance, none more noticeable than the acquisition of the Bow Creek Motel property this year. I'm pleased to report that we're well on our way to transforming it into a new neighborhood park that will debut in December of this year. This project is a wonderful example of what can happen when we use a systems approach: citizens working together with their government to make positive things happen.

■ Building strong Virginia Beach families and neighborhoods is also a high priority of City Council. Our vision is that in 10 years every young person in Virginia Beach will have the education, competence, character and feeling of safety and security needed to live a healthy, fulfilling life and contribute positively to our community.

There's a story I like about one of the most accomplished and fabled tribes in Africa, the Masai Warriors. The Masai Warriors are considered to be the most intelligent and fearless of any tribe. And yet when they pass each other on the street, the traditional greeting exchanged from one Masai Warrior to the other is: "Kasnerina ingera" which means "And how are the children?"

**Our goal** as a community is to pursue the vision of the Masai warriors and when asked "And how are the children?" To be able to answer with certainty: "All the children are well."

Our citizens continue to be conscious of our role in preserving our natural environment and efforts like the annual "Clean the Bay Day" are a huge success. In addition, our automated, curbside recycling program has an unprecedented 76 per-

cent participation rate and this fall was selected "best municipal/county recycling program" in the state by the Virginia Recycling Association.

We are also proud of our volunteers in Virginia Beach who give so generously of their time and save the city millions of dollars each year. During the past year alone, 11,635 volunteers donated 1,819,923 hours valued at \$19,660,287. While we attempt to quantify their help, we realize that their worth is unmeasurable. They are invaluable to us.

As an organization, and as a city, one of our most notable successes came last April when we were awarded the 1998 U.S. Senate Productivity and Quality Award — the Medallion of Excellence — for the public sector category. The Medallion of Excellence is the highest level of recognition given statewide to recognize productivity and quality excellence in the public sector. It was true cause for celebration for all of us.

But perhaps more important than this list of accomplishments and accolades, are the citizens who are at the heart of it all. In Virginia Beach, we are blessed. Citizens engaged in community building, come together in neighborhoods, religious and civic groups, schools, ethnic communities and businesses and help bring a sense of "community" to life wherever they gather.

Citizen leaders, like yourselves — even when you are not in 100 percent agreement with the decisions or direction of government — are extremely important to our success. And, I might add, you certainly make my job a whole lot more interesting!

Wayne Gretzky once said, "One hundred percent of the shots you don't take, don't go in."

Virginia Beach is a city on the move. We're taking our shots to create a bright future. We're a city with a rich history, an active, involved citizenry and most importantly, the vision and the momentum to carry us into the new millennium.

I appreciate your inviting me to be with you tonight. Thank you.

## Our commitment to education is a serious one. Each year, we allocate more than half of the city's budget to support our school system.

Wildlife Service and the Commonwealth of Virginia, we also opened the First Landing/Seashore Joint Visitor Center, which provides a focal point for the city's ecotourism programs.

■ The GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater had another banner year, returning more than \$1 million to the city's operating budget as big name performers drew large crowds from throughout the region.

■ Of special interest to those of you who play golf, this year we partnered with the PGA Tournament Players Club and Heron Ridge golf courses to add two major golfing options for our residents and visitors alike. In addition, Red Wing, Bow Creek and Kempsville Greens courses were enhanced with more than \$425,000 worth of maintenance equipment for all three golf courses. These initiatives will help us enhance our reputation as a golf destination.

We also are being careful to reinvest in our existing assets. Examples of this include plans for the Pavilion expansion and development of the former Dome site. We're already enjoying the rewards of a significant \$100 million expansion of Lynnhaven Mall, which is already a huge force in the local economy. This activity, along with continuing robust growth in retail across the board, underscores a well-placed confidence in our city's economic vitality and promise.

■ One investment partnership with the private sector that is still somewhat of a distance off, is the Town Center Project, a 25-year vision for Virginia Beach, which I believe will benefit our community and our citizens for years to come, but I realize not everyone can see that.

In his book "Advancement of

## Wine by Design seeks competition entrants

Art & Co., a volunteer organization for the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, will hold its ninth annual wine tasting, Wine by Design, Friday, Feb. 25 from 6 to 10 p.m.

A popular Hampton Roads tradition, Wine by Design features more than 30 wines, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, a raffle and a silent auction. The highlight of the silent auction is a collection of original wine labels designed by local artists.

The competition is open to anyone 21 or older who wishes to enter. A panel of judges will select entries to display the evening of Wine by Design. Out of those entries, three prize winners will be chosen. Artists selected to exhibit will receive one free ticket to Wine

by Design. All prize winners will receive a Contemporary Art Center/Art & Co. membership and two commemorative glasses.

In addition, prize winners will be awarded a gift certificate to one of Hampton Roads' fine restaurants in the amounts of \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place. Awards will be presented the evening of the event, and all exhibited entries will be available for purchase through the silent auction. Designs must include the name of a fictitious wine company and must specify the type of wine (i.e. Merlot, Chardonnay, etc.).

The deadline for wine label submissions is Feb. 11. For additional specifications and information contact Eren San Pedro Hays, Contemporary Art Center, 425-0000,

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# Sherwood descendants bewitched by a legend

By Bob Ruegsegger  
Correspondent

Grace White Sherwood, the legendary Witch of Pungo, had no desire to achieve county-wide fame, let alone any aspirations for immortality.

In reality, Mistress Sherwood would probably have preferred just to have been left alone, but notoriety sometimes tends to thrust itself upon those who crave it least.

For nearly 300 years, her legend and legacy have tantalized local historians, as well as a sizable segment of the local populace. Strong-willed and fiercely independent, Grace Sherwood was arguably the most acclaimed citizen that Princess Anne County — Virginia Beach has ever produced.

In a single day, July 10, 1706, she earned a measure of immortality — achieving that most folks fail to achieve in a lifetime.

Accused of witchcraft by her neighbors, Sherwood agreed to undergo a trial by water in the Lynnhaven River to demonstrate her innocence. Word of the trial spread throughout Virginia and people from all over the colony crowded the banks of the Lynnhaven River to view the spectacle. They arrived by wagon, on horseback, by boat, and on foot to jeer and publicly humiliate the Princess Anne County woman who was accused of witchcraft.

For Mistress Sherwood, the water trial was a "no-win" proposition. If she drowned, she would be declared innocent, and if she survived the ordeal, she would be deemed guilty of witchcraft.

Stripped naked and cross bound, Sherwood was wrapped in a blanket and carried to a boat that waited at the river's edge. After the boat was rowed out to deeper water, she was removed from the blanket and tossed overboard.

Fortunately, Sherwood did not sink to the bottom. She floated to the surface. Miraculously, she slipped her bonds and swam about the river singing and laughing at the fools that lined the bank. Since she had survived the risky ordeal, she was found guilty of witchcraft and spent at nine years in jail before she was ordered released.

Mistress Sherwood, "unbowed and unrepentant," survived the public humiliation and the imprisonment and eventually returned to her home near Muddy Creek in the Lynnhaven Parish of Princess Anne County where she lived — it is assumed — in relative tranquility with her neighbors until her death.

Although Grace White Sherwood departed this life 40 years before the American Revolution, her unconquered spirit continues to thrive in the literature of the times, the imaginations of the local populace, and the hearts of her descendants.

While they have absolutely no interest or involvement in witchcraft, the three daughters of Wielee E. White and the late Thelma Sherwood White of Virginia Beach have a warm, sympathetic place in their hearts for their famous ancestor who embraced public humiliation, but steadfastly refused to kowtow to her malicious neighbors.

Sherry White Entwistle, Constance White Palette, and Debra White Teets were all "born and raised" in old Princess Anne County, Grace Sherwood's stomping grounds.

The three White sisters still reside in the area where their ancestors, the Whites and the Sherwoods, settled more than 350 years ago. They like to believe that part of Grace's vibrant, independent essence survives in them.

"It's kind of neat to be part of

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Debra White Teets,  
Grace Sherwood descendant

history, even if it's only local history," remarked Sherry White Entwistle. "She's (Grace Sherwood) the only woman in the state of Virginia who was actually imprisoned for witchcraft."

"Of course, what I find interesting and impressive is that the women in my family are very headstrong," smiled Entwistle.

"We're very independent. We're completely able to take care of ourselves and make our own decisions in life," she observed, "and Grace was basically the same way."

No physical description of Grace has survived, let alone a portrait or a sketch, but Entwistle and her sisters envision Grace as physically resembling their late mother.

After viewing a contemporary artist's sketch of Grace, Entwistle was convinced that the artist must have known her late mother. She later learned otherwise.

"Through my mother, I have been able to visualize what Grace must have been like," she said.

"She was a natural beauty with fair skin, straight white teeth, and a lean, curvy figure," noted Entwistle.

"She never stuck her nose in other people's business or bothered others, but she had no problem physically or verbally standing her ground," she explained. "That's how I imagine Grace Sherwood, and that's exactly how my mother was."

While White sisters trace their relationship to the Sherwoods through their mother's lineage, they also acknowledge that a very real possibility exists that they could also be related to Grace Sherwood through their father's side of the family.

Grace Sherwood was born Grace White and married James Sherwood. Their union produced three sons: John, James, and Richard. The Whites can trace their Sherwood family ties back to Grace's son, James, who married Anne Eaton.

"Most people don't realize that it wasn't until after her husband died — she was 42 — that the trial and witchduking took place," Entwistle noted. "After her husband was dead, she had no man to protect and support her."

Thelma Sherwood only learned of her famous ancestor after she married Wielee White and moved out to Pungo. The newly married couple spent a weekend at the James residence, and Grandma James asked Thelma what her maiden name was. When Thelma replied that her maiden name was Sherwood, Grandma James recounted the story of the Witch of Pungo. From that day, Thelma Sherwood White was captivated by the folklore associated with Grace Sherwood.

"Mama didn't know who the

Witch of Pungo was — never heard of her — because my grandfather didn't talk about it," explained Entwistle.

"That's why it was stimulating to her and why she had an interest in it," she said. "She was wonderful. She did a lot of research, and her father told her stuff — when she asked."

Thelma White's research was fueled by her desire to prove that she was a descendant of Grace Sherwood and to have the court formally amend the record relating to her guilt in the witchcraft trial. She wanted Grace Sherwood exonerated.

"That was a big deal to my mother. Once she could prove that she was a descendant, she wanted to get an attorney and go through the process," said Entwistle.

Unfortunately, Thelma White died of breast cancer in 1990 and never got the chance to complete the research that she had begun.

"We picked up the torch from there," said Entwistle. "Otherwise, we wouldn't have. That's what got our interest up."

As schoolgirls, the sisters were generally unimpressed with the trials and tribulations of their celebrated ancestor.

"We didn't care about history, so it didn't do anything for us," Entwistle recalled. Their first recollection of Grace Sherwood, the Witch of Pungo, and the folklore associated with her goes back to grade school.

"I studied her in the fourth grade. We recognized the last name, and my mom used to tell us about her," recalled Debra White Teets, "but I don't think that she had any inkling at the time that there might actually have been a tie."

The girls never really took the matter seriously because they thought that their mother was only teasing them. It wasn't until they were much older that their mother began delving into the court records and other documents in her efforts to positively confirm a relationship.

"My recollection is that she had this thing about setting the record straight," said Teets. "Writing the books and actually having it recorded in history that she was proven not to have been a witch was her goal in looking her up. She wanted to have her name cleared."

As far as Sherwood family heirlooms go, the Whites have none and suspect that none of Grace's personal possessions have survived — for a number of reasons. "Other than the property, she didn't own anything. If you've read her will, she had an old bed, a cast iron pot, one table, one plate, and a few utensils," Entwistle noted. "They've probably been worn out over the last 300 years. There's nothing left of them," she speculated.

Of course, the stigma attached to being convicted of witchcraft might also have something to do with the fact that Grace Sherwood heirlooms are as scarce as hen's teeth.

"I don't think anything was passed down because I don't think she would necessarily want to be remembered," Entwistle theorized. "Oh yes, this is from your great-great-grandmother who was a witch," she laughed. "It's a pot. You know, a cauldron."

Entwistle allowed, however, that there may have been a possibility that her grandparents had something that belonged to Grace at one time. "My grandmother and grandfather Sherwood saved everything," she said.

"My grandmother used cast iron pots that are at least on their third generation. We have them now."

During her ordeal, Grace faced her detractors, as did Hester Pryne in



THREE LADIES. Grace Sherwood's descendants include the three sisters, from left, of Sherry White Entwistle, Constance White Palette and Debra White Teets.



INDEPENDENT WOMAN. Sherry White Entwistle contends that, like Grace Sherwood, the women in her family tend to be very independent.

Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter," silently and courageously. While Hester refused to identify her consort in adultery, Grace refused to speak in her own defense. In essence, she refused to dignify the allegations with a response. She clearly considered the entire matter mean-spirited and "charges of witchcraft absurd."

Why were Grace's neighbors so determined to punish her? Did they really believe that she was a witch? The truth of the matter will probably never be known, but that hasn't stopped the White sisters from speculating about the real cause for her persecution.

According to folklore, Grace was an extremely attractive, headstrong woman. Court documents also reveal that some of her accusers were also members of the jury that was charged with searching Grace's per-



WITCHDUCKING. Virginia Historic Marker K276 commemorates the "trial by water" that Grace Sherwood undertook on July 10, 1706.

son for marks of the devil. The deck was stacked against her.

It seemed that after Grace's husband died that men from the neighboring farms were very willing to go over to Grace's farm to assist her.

"There was some jealousy among

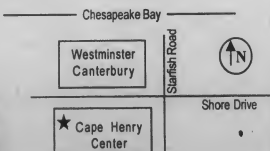
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WITCH REPELLENT. In the garden at the Adam Thoroughgood House, Debra Teets examines a "beastie" which was believed to keep evil spirits and witches away.



## ARE CALENDAR

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) announces its schedule of free lectures for the week of Jan. 23-29:

- Sunday, Jan. 23 - "Meditation" by Rachelle Haavass.
- Monday, Jan. 24 - "Health, Healing and Diet" by Sherry Kulakowski.
- Tuesday, Jan. 25 - "Dreams and Dreaming" by Walene James.
- Wednesday, Jan. 26 - "Atlantis" by Jim Dixon.
- Thursday, Jan. 27 - "Anger" by Frances Ellen Worrell.
- Friday, Jan. 28 - "Soulmates" by Grace Yusek.
- Saturday, Jan. 29 - "Reincarnation" by Walene James.

All lectures are held at 3:30 p.m. at the ARE Visitor Center, 6700 Atlantic Avenue. Call 428-3388, ext. 7265 for more information.

## Brogan named senior TAF vp

Oliver P. Farinholt, president and chief executive officer of The TAF Group, has announced that John C. Brogan has been elected senior vice president of the company and also named a principal of the firm.

Brogan has extensive background in commercial financial management, business development and loan portfolio analysis. He has been recognized for outstanding performance in cash management sales and business development in Virginia and throughout the eastern region.

Brogan holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration and finance from Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa.

He resides in Virginia Beach with his wife Sue and their two children Elizabeth, 8, and Kaitlyn, 5.



Photo by Bob Neugauer

**CONTEMPLATING THE PAST.** Through the diamond-shaped panes of the 17th-century casement windows at the Adam Thoroughgood House, Sherry White Entwistle perhaps catches a glimpse of what life was like for her celebrated ancestor.

## Beverly Hooks accepted into Municipal Clerk Academy

Beverly O. Hooks, chief deputy city clerk of Virginia Beach, has been accepted into the First Level Membership of the IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy.

The Master Municipal Clerk Academy was established to further professional education of municipal clerks and to enhance their skills as needed to meet the challenges of the office of municipal clerk. Every two to four years, academy members have to demonstrate that they have actively engaged in educational and professional participation that keeps them current with the changing events in the local government scene.

The academy member is required to obtain a specific number of points through completion of recognized institute or college courses, completion of seminars and workshops offered by other professional associations, teaching and writing in the profession, attendance at professional meetings and conferences and honors and awards received for specific achievements.

Approximately 15 percent of more than 10,000 members of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks have qualified for the Master Municipal Clerk Academy Program.

IIMC President Mary Lou Rand, town clerk/assistant town manager of Garner, N.C., announced, "I am honored to welcome Ms. Hooks as a member in the First Level Membership of the IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy. She has demonstrated and obtained career development goals which will aid her in maintaining the quality of excellence required in today's public officials and administrators."

Hooks has been employed with the city of Virginia Beach since July 1982, serving three years as secretary II deputy city clerk before assuming her current position as

chief deputy city clerk in 1985.

She received the IIMC Certified Municipal Clerk's Award in November 1990, and was accepted into the IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy in August 1995. She joins 19 other active Municipal Clerks from the state of Virginia and is the 799th person to achieve membership in the First Level of the IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy.

During this sustaining period she has completed IIMC-approved Academy Programs conducted by the Center for Professional Training and Academic Development, College of Arts and Letters, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, as well as Seminars sponsored by the city of Virginia Beach.

Active in her professional affiliations, she is a member and treasurer of the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association, United Way Campaign coordinator and recording secretary for the Mayor's Sister Cities Commission.

Hooks has been a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks since November 1985.

## Power boaters skill course set

Boating Skills and Seamanship course for power boaters, including PWC operation, is available. Given by Flotilla 57 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary from Feb. 17 to March 21, it meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at First Colonial High School. The course qualifies as a Safe Boating Course in Virginia. Cost is \$7 registration and the textbook with student study guide is \$34 due on the first night of class. Contact Lu Hill, 481-6762, or Bill Jackson, 362-3777.

## Sherwood spirit thrives

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the women, and that's what really got things going," remarked Teets.

James Sherwood had presumably gone to his eternal reward, and Grace had no man to shield her from the wrath of her jealous neighbors. Perhaps the neighboring women fabricated the witchcraft charges because their husbands were spending a little too much time on the attractive widow's farm. Charging Grace with witchcraft would be a way of humiliating her publicly and a means of getting her out of the neighborhood permanently.

"It certainly makes a lot of sense, but whether there's a ounce of truth in it, we may never know," observed Teets. "There was something that made these people set out to be against her."

Today, Princess Anne County no longer exists as a political entity. While a good many other things have also changed in the past 300 years, two things most certainly have not. Jealousy still remains very much a part of human nature, and Grace Sherwood's independent spirit still lives — at least in the hearts and souls of her descendants. Some things never change.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 9, 2000 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building.

**PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION. BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWS-PAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.**

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and recommendations during administration of applicable city ordinances.

### SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Christopher T. Ette/W.B. Contractors, Inc. Property is located at 201 60th Street (GPIN #2419-7106679). DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

2. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for George Baylor & Jennie Dozier Cason. Property is located at 590 & 592 Princess Anne Road (GPIN #2308-98382). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: 3. An Ordinance upon Application of CC, LLC d/b/a Zoots for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-1 Office District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District at the northwest corner of Diamond Springs Road and Wesleyan Drive (GPIN #1468-35721). The proposed zoning classification change to B-1A is for lot intensity commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 925 Diamond Springs Road and contains 35,693 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District and Conditional B-2 Heavy Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southeast intersection of Bonney Road and Rodriguez Drive (GPIN #1487-33-8439; #1487-33-1313; #1487-33-1334; #1487-33-1349; #1487-33-2706; #1487-33-1518; #1487-33-0584; #1487-33-1416; #1487-33-1402; #1487-33-0509; #1487-33-0419; #1487-33-0349; #1487-33-0341; #1487-32-1978; #1487-23-9266; #1487-33-0285; #1487-33-2044; #1487-23-9199; #1487-32-5822; #1487-32-0673; #1487-32-5822; #1487-32-3895; #1487-32-6934; #1487-33-4360). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office, appropriately located industrial and employment support uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 234 N. Witchduck Road and contains 6,550 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Aramark Educational Resources, Inc., d/b/a Children's World Learning Centers for a Change of Zoning District Classification from Conditional O-2 Office District to Conditional O-2 Office District with modified proffers on certain property located on the north side of Ferrell Parkway, 70 feet more or less east of the intersection of Ferrell Parkway and McComas Way (GPIN #2404-97-7196). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional O-2 Office District with modified proffers is for office land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 3,011 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Oxford Properties, L.L.C., d/b/a Dam Neck Self Storage for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District on the east side of General Booth Boulevard, north of Culver Lane (GPIN #2415-31-8553; #2415-31-6485). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1A is for lot intensity commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/medium & high density at densities that are compatible with townhouse and multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1874 General Booth Boulevard and contains 2,318 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: 8. An Ordinance upon Application of Oxford Properties, L.L.C., d/b/a Dam Neck Self Storage for a Conditional Use Permit for mini-warehouses on the east side of General Booth Boulevard, north of Culver Lane (GPIN #2415-31-8553). Said parcel is located at 1874 General Booth Boulevard and contains 2,318 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Sandra Marie Mawyer for a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial kennel on the north side of Old Carolina Lane, west of Blackwater Road (GPIN #1389-39-1691). Said parcel is located at 3464 Old Carolina Lane and contains 5,282 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of John H. Kurek for a Conditional Use Permit for a residential kennel on Lot 1, Block K, Wellington Woods (GPIN #2408-10-6895). Said parcel is located at 825 Lord Leighton Drive and contains 22,500 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

11. An Ordinance upon Application of Charles T. Deary, Floyd T. Deary and Irving N. Deary for a

Conditional Use Permit for a car wash addition at the southeast corner of Laskin Road and First Colonial Road (GPIN #2407-88-0621). Said parcel is located at 1689 Laskin Road and contains 23,697 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Hale Boatel, Inc., d/b/a Shore Drive Marine for a Conditional Use Permit for boat sales and small engine repair at the northeast corner of Shore Drive and Roanoke Avenue on Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 26, Section B, Ocean Park (GPIN #1489-39-9001). Said parcel contains 26,189 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of 7-ELEVEN, INC., d/b/a The Southland Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile service (fuel sales) in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the southeast corner of Diamond Springs Road and Wesleyan Drive (GPIN #1468-44-3633; #1468-44-8504). Said parcel contains 1,221 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Oceana Church of Christ for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, east of n. Oceana Boulevard (GPIN #2417-16-1260; #2417-16-1370; #2417-16-1164; #2417-16-1060). Said parcel is located at 1460 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1,5176 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

15. An Ordinance upon Application of Crown Communication for a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communication stealth tower (flagpole) on the north side of McComas Way, west of General Booth Boulevard (GPIN #2414-07-2637). Said parcel contains 3.53 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Crown Communication for a Conditional Use Permit for a 150-foot monopole on certain property located at the west end of Heffington Drive, west of Landing Road (GPIN #1483-63-0099). Said parcel is located at 3038 Heffington Drive and contains 4,903 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Hampton Roads Junior Golf Foundation for a Conditional Use Permit for a golf course on certain property located on the east side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 1570 feet more or less south of Winterberry Lane (GPIN #1494-34-1160). Said parcel contains 40 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

18. An Ordinance upon Application of new Covenant Presbyterian Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the east side of Kempville Road, 120 feet south of Quarry Lane (GPIN #1465-25-3375). Said parcel is located at 1552 Kempville Road and contains 4.46 acres more or less. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

STREET CLOSURE: 19. Application of Five Columbus Center, L.L.C., for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Southern Boulevard beginning at the western boundary of Constitution Drive and running in a westerly direction a distance of 427.43 feet. Said parcel contains 6,909 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

20. Application of Oceana Development LP for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of an existing 50-foot right-of-way, 570 feet west of Bowland Parkway as shown on the plat entitled "Street Closure for Existing 50' Right-Of-Way at London Bridge Gardens" and recorded in Map Book 139, Page 14 (GPIN #1496-89-8793). Said parcel contains 20,821.6 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 8/12/98:

21. An Ordinance upon Application of Troy A. Titus for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District and R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on property located 210 feet more or less south of Indian River Road, beginning at a point 573.68 feet east of Kempville Road (GPIN #1465-37-0414). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, service, office and other compatible uses within commercial centers in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 5221 Indian River Road and contains 1,474 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 11/10/99:

22. An Ordinance upon Application of

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tion of Leonard Aluminum Utility Buildings, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and rentals at the northeast corner of S. Military Highway and Providence Road (GPIN #1456-13-215). Said parcel is located at 980 S. Military Highway and contains 14 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

**DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 1/12/2000**

23. An Ordinance upon Application of M & K Investments, a Virginia General Partnership for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on Lots 29 and #20, Block 5, Woodland (GPIN #417-69-9327). The proposed zoning classification change is Conditional A-18 for multi-family residential land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential medium and high density at densities that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located on the north side of 24th Street, 405 feet more or less west of Barberton Drive and contains 8,755.56 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

24. An Ordinance upon Application of Road to Emmaus for a Conditional Use Permit for church expansion on the west side of Indian Lakes Boulevard, south of Providence Road (1466-92-1142). Said parcel is located at 1001 Indian Lakes Boulevard and contains 2,643.3 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

25. An Ordinance upon Application of Wawa, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline sales in conjunction with a convenience and carry-out food store at the northwest corner of Shore Drive and Pleasant House Road (GPIN #1479-37-9650, #1479-47-1514). Said parcel is located at 4800 Shore Drive and contains 2.14 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

26. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach to amend the Site Plan Ordinance pertaining to fees and procedures for floodplain variances.

27. An Ordinance upon Application of Rick E. Burnell, Commercial Investment Properties, LLC, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the northeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Southern Boulevard (GPIN #1497-54-6254, #1497-54-7354, #1497-54-8345, #1497-54-8354). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for retail land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for light industrial support services in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.83 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

28. An Ordinance upon Application of Rick E. Burnell, Commercial Investment Properties, LLC, for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station (gas pumps) in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the northeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Southern Boulevard (GPIN #1497-54-6254, #1497-54-7354, #1497-54-8345, #1497-54-8354). Said parcel contains 1.83 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

29. An Ordinance upon Application of Hampton Roads Fundraising Foundation, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an outdoor recreational facility (multi-recreational, meeting and bingo hall) on the east side of S. Military Highway, north of Providence Road (GPIN #1456-13-3554). Said parcel is located at 964 S. Military Highway and contains 2.96 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

30. An Ordinance upon Application of Clark Whitehill Company for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional R-10 Residential District on certain property located on the north and south sides of Proposed Ferrell Parkway beginning at a point 200 feet more or less west of Piney Bark Drive (GPIN #2404-37-1633, #2404-36-1191, #2404-36-4943). The proposed zoning classification change to R-10 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 10,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential at low densities that are compatible with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 183.3201 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

31. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the Comprehensive Plan by adoption of a Shore

## Drive Corridor Plan.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott  
Planning Director  
Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled and visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303. Hearing impaired, call: TDD only at 427-4305. (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

The Planning Commission Agenda is available on the City's Internet Home Page on the Thursday prior to each regularly-scheduled meeting at [www.virginia-beach.va.us/cityhall/planning/Board/apcagenda.htm](http://www.virginia-beach.va.us/cityhall/planning/Board/apcagenda.htm)

## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
2113 Alwood Court  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Thomas E. Croft dated April 10, 1999 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 4067, page 379, securing a loan which was originally \$124,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on February 4, 2000 at 8:05 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 3, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Red Mill, Section 1A." Tax Map # 24141950470000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$12,300.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP996301

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Between 8 - 11 AM  
Nectar Projects, Inc.  
Substitute Trustees  
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1  
Leesburg, Virginia 20175  
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## Public Notice

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the City Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

**SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:**  
DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE  
1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Steven B. Sandler, Arthur B. Sandler and the Estate of Robert S. Sandler, Deceased. Property is located on the north side of Indian River Road, 260 feet more or less west of Kempers Drive (GPIN #1465-19-9336). DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.  
**CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:**  
DISTRICT 6 - BEACH  
2. An Ordinance upon Application of Collett Properties, Inc. and Collett Chesapeake Partners, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Parker Lane (GPIN #1497-84-3948, #1497-84-5907, #1497-84-7994, #1497-85-6190, #1497-85-8140, #1497-85-

9152, #1497-95-0152, #1497-95-0050). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for community business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 3.481 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Collett Properties, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the east side of Parker Lane beginning at a point 150 feet more or less south of Virginia Beach Boulevard (GPIN #1497-84-3855, #1497-84-8554, #1497-84-5907, #1497-84-7994). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for community business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for light industrial, business parks and other compatible uses. Said parcel contains 8.433 acres.

## CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Kenneth A. Hall for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and repair (expansion) at the northeast corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Malibu Drive (GPIN #1487-65-8046). Said parcel is located at 3516 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 7.371 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Gale Levine for a Conditional Use Permit for boat storage on the east side of N. Great Neck Road, South of Lynnhaven Drive (GPIN #1499-05-7433). Said parcel is located at 2100 Marina Shores Drive and contains 12.4146 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

## STREET CLOSURES DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN

6. Application of James Dempsey & Cynthia Bishop Hayes and Mary C. Battaglia for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of the western terminus of Polciniana Drive and adjoining lane as shown on that certain plat entitled "Proposed Street and Lane Closure, Plat Western Terminus of Polciniana Drive and Adjoining Lane, Cape Henry By The Sea Plat No. 2 M.B.32P.8, Virginia Beach, Virginia." Said parcels are variable in width and contain 11,179 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

## DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL

7. Application of Armada/Hoffler Holding Company for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Cleveland Street beginning at the eastern boundary of Garrett Drive and running in an easterly direction a distance of 550.10 feet. Said parcel is 49.99 feet in width and contains 24,829 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Dennis Smith, CMC/AAB  
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
2273 Cape Arbor Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Stacey R. Vezay dated July 7, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3514, page 120, securing a loan which was originally \$183,350.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on February 4, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

"Unit 223" in Arbors at Cape Henry, a Condominium, located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map # 1499-39-7650-2273.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's de-

posit of \$17,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP994928

## FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM  
Nectar Projects, Inc.  
Substitute Trustees  
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1  
Leesburg, Virginia 20175  
(703) 777-8619

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## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
1556 Aquarius Court  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Thomas C. Welch and Bonnie Welch dated July 21, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3765, page 1726, securing a loan which was originally \$97,800.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on February 4, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 16, as shown on that certain plat entitled Plat of Indian Lakes Subdivision, Section C-1, part 4, Kempersville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map # 1465-88-9823-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP996115

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Substitute Trustees  
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## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
1945 Rock Lake Loop  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jerome D. Henderson and Cynthia A. Henderson dated January 20, 1992 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3051, page 0018, securing a loan which was originally \$81,300.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 28, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 191, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Rock Creek, Phase III," Tax Map # 1485-12-8887-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's de-

posit of \$17,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP996270

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Substitute Trustees  
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## Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Christine M. Julius, DOB: 10/1/84; Teresa N. Julius, DOB: 4/17/83; and Robert Julius, Jr. DOB: 4/16/82

TAMMY NADEAU, Plaintiff v. DON ADELE, Defendant  
CASE NO. J-136651-01; J-136652-01 & J-136653-01

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for: Emergency Custody.  
IT IS ORDERED that ROBERT JULIUS, SR. appear and protect his interest, on or before Tuesday, March 2, 2000 at 11:00 a.m., which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

DATE: 12-22-99

FREDERICK B. JENKS, III,  
Clerk

By Kelley A. Smith, Deputy Clerk

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## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
900 Warehouse Court  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Tommy Lenn Holland and Ida Tommy L. Holland and Linda D. Holland aka Linda Fiest Holland dated June 14, 1999 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 4097, page 195, and re-recorded in Deed Book 4111, page 1469, securing a loan which was originally \$62,400.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 28, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 25, in Block N, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Plat of the Lakes phase II, Part L, Lots 5-28 Block M, Lot 1-28 Block N, Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia," Tax Map # 14869376310000 -

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$6,200.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP996241

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## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
3508 Remington Court  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Verna S. Hyman dated August 30, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3659, page 0535, securing a loan which was originally \$31,500.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 28, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Unit No. D-14-4 in the Cambridge Courts Condominium located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map #1485-36-3571-7590.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$3,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP996274

## FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM  
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Substitute Trustees  
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1  
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## Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
579 Grant Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Roy W. Clemons and Claudette Clemons dated August 17, 1992 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3118, page 672, securing a loan which was originally \$86,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on February 4, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 25, 26 and 27, in Block 28 as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Pecan Gardens, Property of Tri-State Development Corporation, Norfolk, Virginia," Tax Map # 1486-57-6174-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,700.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP995889

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# Family starts new year with greatest dream fulfilled

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Jenkins/Gordon household was joined by Wesleyan President Billy Greer, Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, local Habitat officials and volunteers. Several Wesleyan students and a couple of new neighbors for a groundbreaking ceremony on Aurora Avenue.

While the family has to put 400 "sweat equity" hours into building their own home, they will be pounding nails and brushing paint beside about 100 Wesleyan students and faculty, throughout the process, said Katie Wicks, project coordinator for the college's Habitat chapter.

"We think the family is a great match for us," she said, explaining that each party shares the same enthusiasm for the project.

This will be the second home that Wicks and the Wesleyan chapter will help to build.

The college senior said that her group has raised \$45,000 to build the home, but still needs \$5,000 more before they are allowed to

begin construction.

"We are just inches from getting another pledge," said Wicks, who believes that they will be swinging hammers within the next couple of weeks.

Wicks said that the project should be complete by May 13 because of this year's when she plans to graduate.

"I think they'll do it," said Michele Johnson, Jenkins' family services coordinator, who serves as the liaison between the families and the sponsors.

The Jenkins/Gordon home is one of about 20 homes that Habitat plans to build this year in the community, which is about twice the number they built in the past years, Johnson explained.

She credits the increase to the publicity the organization received recently from television and movie personality Oprah Winfrey and former President Jimmy Carter, which over the last year brought about a rise in donations of land, material and money from individuals and

companies.

While the Habitat program reduces the cost of a home for soon-to-be-homeowners like Jenkins and Gordon, it is not a free ride.

Families must help build their homes and other Habitat homes, they must also prove that they can pay the zero-profit, zero-interest mortgage, and be willing to maintain the upkeep of the property, Habitat officials say.

"They have to work," Johnson said, who agreed with Wicks that Jenkins and Gordon are willing to put the effort into making their dream a reality.

It wasn't until September that the couple learned that they were accepted by the Habitat program, however, Gordon began shopping at flea markets for home decorations last January after she called to be considered for the home partnership, Johnson said.

Johnson said that once she conducted the assessment of the Gordon/Jenkins household, Gordon kept calling to see if they qualified.

"I was hysterical," Gordon said about when Johnson called to tell

her that they were approved, however, she admits that she knew they would qualify.

"It happened so fast," she said, "It's unbelievable."

Gordon says she already has ideas about how she wants to decorate her three-bedroom ranch. She and

Jenkins agree that the first thing they want to do when they move in is to decorate their new place.

"He hangs everything," Gordon explained about their team effort, but she admitted that she already knows how she wants the house to look.

While the family currently lives in a rented apartment in Norfolk where they don't have a yard, Gordon looks forward to the day when she will see her children playing outside on their new property.

"It is so exciting to know I will have a house in four months,"

## Museum

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proved extremely valuable in acquiring pieces for the museum and verifying information.

"When I found something that I couldn't trace down, I'd go to Ben," Henry said. "He was tremendous!"

The museum, housed in the life-saving station built in 1903, showcases 1,800 artifacts and 1,000 photos of the Life-Saving Coast Guard and the Virginia Beach resort community. There is also a wealth of knowledge to be gleaned from its library, papers and oral history.

"It shows a period of time and a way of life that existed here on the coast before and after the turn of the century and through World War II. It's basically now gone," Henry summarized.

The "Under Three Names" exhibit will be followed by "African Americans in the Coast Guard," which will run from Feb. 1 through March 5. This exhibit will

feature a history of African Americans in the Lighthouse Service, the Life-Saving and Revenue Cutter Services. According to Henry, the Life-Saving and Revenue Cutter Services were both have predecessors of the Coast Guard.

The Old Coast Guard Museum and Gift Shop is located at 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue, on the coastal side. From Oct. 1 through Memorial Day, the museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Memorial Day through Sept. 30th, the museum is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children ages 6 to 18, and children under 6 are admitted free of charge.

For more information call, 422-1587.

## Trees

Berkeley Plantation on the James River, the site of Virginia's first Thanksgiving, will be planted at Adam Thoroughgood House.

The project will cost \$150,000. City Council budgeted the funds for the trees in the 1999-2000 capital improvement program last spring.

In conjunction with the project, officials said supplemental funding from the private sector is being used for planting trees on federal and state properties, and for educational and promotional programs.

The program is being managed by the Department of General Services.

## Quilting guild exhibits

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because that was all they had. They used everything. They used fabric, they used clothing, towels, wool blankets, they used everything because they didn't have anything," Crumate said. "Thus the idea came about that you could just make scrappy quilts."

African-American quilters today have transformed the technique their ancestors employed out of necessity, into a deliberate artform.

"The quilts that we make today, this is really a scrappy quilt, but if you look at it there is really some uniformity to it," Crumate said.

Quilters now vary the types of fabric they use, as their ancestors did, but with careful orchestration.

"Now all of our fabrics have to

have the same weight, so that they will lay flat and look good," said Crumate. "We're mixing a lot of mediums now, whereas one time we mixed the mediums and they looked mixed, now they kind of conform and flow out from each other and look really nice."

The Underground Railroad series consists of several of Crumate's quilts that contain symbols northern abolitionists used to denote safe houses for escaped slaves. The symbols look like railroad tracks, but are incorporated into a larger design, so the railroad symbol is not apparent to those not familiar with it.

One particularly whimsical piece was assembled collectively by the guild members to encourage one of their fellow quilters as she underwent treatment for breast cancer.

"All of the members got together and put a patch together so that she could have a quilt, and she calls this her 'feel better quilt.'" Sometimes she gets great comfort from just putting it over herself," Crumate reflected.

Some of the pieces depict various

aspects of African culture, such as an African warrior's ornate ceremonial headdress, and a depiction of an African grandmother and mother arranging the daughter's hair.

On a more modern cultural note, one of Crumate's quilts features large patches of Dallas Cowboys logos. She made the quilt for her son, a die hard Cowboy's fan. However, as a Washington Redskins fan, she did not think she could devote an entire quilt to the Cowboys, so she sewed a large Redskins mascot on the back of the quilt despite her son's objections.

"I sewed it so that if you take it off there'll be a big hole back there! It's ugly, but I had to do it," Crumate laughed.

The quilters indicate that it usually takes them about 40 or 50 hours to complete a quilt. However, I'm getting a little slower now, because I want to do some more precise work," said Crumate.

Those wishing to view the exhibit may do so from now until Feb. 28. The Francis Land House is located at 3131 Virginia Beach Boulevard. For more information call, 431-4000.



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## Slave-talk

Join local historian Thomas Sledge and explore the lives of the plantation slaves in 18th century Virginia. Sledge will use the historic Francis Land House as the backdrop for his lecture. He will also use old court records and other local documents to illustrate his presentation. Copies of the documents will be given to each participant. This program is recommended for students fourth grade and above and adults. Admission is \$3.50 adults, \$3 senior citizens, \$2.50 students (13+) and \$2 children. Call 431-4000 for reservations.

## Youth concert

The Junior String Orchestra and String Orchestra will perform a program called "String Serenades" at the Nauticus Theater in Norfolk on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. the young musicians will be performing compositions by Beethoven, Bach, Tchaikovsky, Boyce, Sate and Mendelssohn. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 for children under 18. Call 479-1800 for details.

## Bloodmobile help

The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers. Bloodmobile volunteers are urgently needed. No experience is needed. Drivers are needed to transport blood from bloodmobiles for processing. Call Grace or Shirley, 446-7775, for more information. The next orientation is Feb. 2 at 1 p.m.

## Exhibit opens

"Scenes From The Spirit," an exhibit and sale of paintings by local artist Cheri Burchard, is now open in the Dolphin Tales Bookstore across from the former site of Tandom's Restaurant in the Pinetree Shopping Center until March 15. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Call 498-7909 for details.

## Step to it!

Seatack Recreation Center will hold a "Jump, Jab and Step Show" Saturday, Feb. 19 from noon to 4 p.m. The event will feature a step show and double dutch and boxing demonstrations. There will be special guest speakers to talk to youth about the importance of higher education and representatives from different colleges will give out information on how to apply for loans and grants. For more information call, 437-4858.

## Organ concert

The Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra directed by David Kunkel will be joined by area organists performing works for organ and orchestra on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, 19th St. and Pacific Ave. A free will offering will be received. Call 428-7727 for information.

## Splash Carnival

Bring your entire family to the Splash Carnival at the Kempsville Recreation Center pool on Sunday, Feb. 6 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Games, prizes, pizza and Red Dog Fun Float will be on hand. Membership card or day pass required. The cost is \$2 per person. For more information call, 474-8492.

## 'Gifted' deadlines

Old Donation Center and Kemps Landing Magnet School, offering full-time programs for intellectually-gifted Virginia Beach students in grades to through eight, are accepting applications for the 2000-2001 school year. Applications are available from the gifted resource teacher and guidance counselors in each public elementary and middle school in Virginia Beach, Feb. 4 is the deadline for the ODC Dance Program, and Feb. 11 is the deadline for all other ODC and Kemps Landing applications.

## ODU open house

Old Dominion University's Office of Admissions will host an open house Saturday, Feb. 5 for high school juniors and seniors, as well as students who have already applied to Old Dominion or plan to transfer. Parents are also welcome.

The day will begin at 9 a.m. with check-in at Webb University Center, followed by a presentation by Old Dominion President James V. Koch and a campus tour. Students and parents will have an opportunity to meet with faculty from all of the university's six academic colleges and staff representatives from the offices of admissions, financial aid, housing and career management services.

Advance registration is requested. Call 683-4845 or 1-800-348-7926, or register via e-mail at [admit@odu.edu](mailto:admit@odu.edu).

# Beach Crime Solvers 'one of best in state,' racks up honors

## Citizen involvement is key to city program's success rate

By Deanne Brady  
Correspondent

While Gov. Jim Gilmore recognized January as Crime Stoppers Month throughout Virginia, most of the 50 Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers and Crime Line programs throughout the commonwealth can't boast the successful record that Virginia Beach holds.

Just ask Virginia Crime Stoppers Association President John Bender, who represents all of the programs.

"If not the best, one of the best," Bender said about the local program, adding that Virginia Beach is a model for other cities and counties to follow.

Since it was introduced in 1982, area residents have called anonymously with their tips to police about homicides, rapes, robberies, assaults, burglaries and other illegal behavior.

The results have led to 9,882 charges, about 5,000 arrests and over \$21 million

recovered in stolen property and drugs, say organization officials, who also mention that they have a 98 percent conviction rate.

Bender attributes the program's achievements to hardworking police coordinators, who serve as the liaison between the citizens and the city's police department; dedicated board members, who work behind the scenes to raise the funds for the award money and generate public awareness of the program; and retired police Chief Charles Wall, who founded the program and now serves on its board.

Bender added that without publicity the program would not be as successful.

"The media is a large portion of why it works," the state program leader explained.

Virginia Beach Det. Ike Cashwell

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TAKING A BITE OUT OF CRIME. Det. Ike Cashwell, seated, goes over Virginia Beach's achievements with its Crime Solvers program.

# Buffalo Riders share proud heritage

## Commemorative trek planned as club rides high in the saddle

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

Danny Boy bears his cargo proudly as he steps down a path at Briarmar Stable in rural Suffolk, his gait a comfortable speed for rider Ken Wright.

The 18-year-old Tennessee Walker has been Wright's passion for several years. Each day, whether it's early morning or past midnight, Wright makes the trip from his Chesapeake home to visit Danny Boy.

Often there's no riding involved, just a little grooming, some gentle encouragement, maybe a treat for his four-legged friend.

It's the same for Rose Lassiter of Virginia Beach, who makes the 45-minute drive to Hickory each day to see her quarterhorse, Buddy. It's a labor of love to muck out his stall or fill the trough.

Anyone with horses knows the passion it takes to own one. But what's the typical idea of a horse enthusiast? A teenage girl with dozens of satin ribbons for her equestrian abilities?

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GIDDY UP, BOY. Ken Wright and his Tennessee Walker, Danny Boy, will participate in the Buffalo Riders of Hampton Roads' ride through Portsmouth in February during Black History Month.

# Winning Sun Wheelers boast 'can-do' spirit

By Anne Kirk  
Correspondent

Six years ago Jody Shiftlett was flying high.

A Gulf War veteran, paratrooper, and a captain in the U.S. Army, Shiftlett was married to his childhood sweetheart and they were expecting their first child. Life was good.

Then the bottom fell out of his world. During routine maneuvers, Shiftlett's parachute collapsed when he hit a grove of trees and he fell 50 feet to the ground.

"It was equivalent to falling about 3 1/2 stories," he said. "I landed on my feet and buttocks and broke my back."

As a result, Shiftlett's spine burst as a wedge of bone pushed into his spinal cord. The young man, who never went to a doctor except to obtain antibiotics or a few stitches, was now a paraplegic.

Five days later, Shiftlett left the hospital in pain and heavily sedated. Today, after a major surgery corrected part of the problem, Shiftlett uses crutches and a wheelchair to get around. He wears braces on his legs to help him walk.

"My legs are like wet noodles without these," he said, as he pulled up his pant leg revealing the stiff white appliance.

Life didn't stop for Shiftlett that day, it just changed courses.

He is currently working on his master's degree in health care management and is an intern with Sentara Health Care. He is still married and

now the father of two children, ages 4 and 6, whom he cares for and chauffeurs around when his wife is at school. He does dishes, but doesn't do laundry and doesn't like cooking. He also mows and trims his yard and maintains his own vehicles.

And like every other man in America, he wants a sports utility vehicle (SUV).

"Living here we really don't need a four-wheel drive," he said. "But I figure I can drop the kids off at school in an SUV just as well as the mini-van."

On Friday, Shiftlett was going skiing and would have probably used the SUV in the mountains. He feels fortunate to be able to travel and be self-sufficient with the aid of a retirement income from the military, but he knows many disabled people aren't so lucky. Some have no means of transportation, and some don't have the determination and self-confidence he has.

"There is nothing I couldn't do if I choose to do it and could afford it," Shiftlett said.

He attributes a lot of his can-do attitude to his involvement with Sun Wheelers Sports, a local non-profit organization that is celebrating their 20th year of wheelchair sports. Shiftlett is the current president, and the group has about 100 members who range in age from 8 to 64.

In the organization, athletes can participate in everything from basketball to tennis to track and field to air rifle shooting.

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SUN WHEELERS EXCEL. Jody Shiftlett of the Virginia Beach Sun Wheelers has helped lead the team to a national title.



# Commentary

## CRIME STOPPERS MONTH

### Your calls do matter

They're the faces that come across your television screen with the familiar "Most Wanted" logo.

They're the faces you see in this and other newspapers with the urgent headline "Information sought."

They're the faces who make the streets unsafe, the faces that law enforcement authorities are working hard to put behind bars.

They're the faces that you can play a part in capturing.

January has been proclaimed Crime Stoppers Month in Virginia by Gov. Jim Gilmore. It's a time to recognize the Virginia Crime Stoppers Association, which represents more than 50 Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers and Crime Line programs across the state.

The premise is simple: Anyone with knowledge of a crime can anonymously call a hotline, day or night, to relay knowledge or tips on crimes. They're provided an identification number and, if the tip leads to an arrest, can net the caller a cash reward.

The programs are not state supported. They are funded by individuals and businesses who care enough about getting crime off the streets to make donations.

And it works. In Hampton Roads, for example, Crime Stoppers programs have netted thousands of arrests and the recovery of millions of dollars in stolen property. Not bad for a program begun less than 20 years ago.

In Virginia Beach, residents calling with anonymous tips on homicides, robberies, rapes, assaults, burglaries and other crimes have led to 9,882 charges and more than 5,000 arrests, plus more than \$21 million recovered in stolen property and drugs.

In Chesapeake, more than 2,000 cases have been cleared, including 20 murders, 150 armed robberies, 200 fugitives and 600 drug arrests — all thanks to citizen tips. More than \$4 million in stolen property and drugs have been recovered, and \$103,000 has been paid out to callers.

In Portsmouth, last year's Crime Line program resulted in 94 cases being solved, including two homicides, two robberies, one malicious assault, two burglaries, one bomb threat, two frauds, three stolen vehicles, nine drug cases and 22 wanted persons. More than \$32,000 in property was recovered thanks to callers.

Crime Stoppers programs work because of you, the citizens, who often don't even claim the rewards for the assistance. Thanks goodness there is a program like Crime Solvers in Hampton Roads, and don't forget the important telephone number, 1-888-LOCK-U-UP. You can help take a bite out of crime, too. — V.E.H.

## TELEMARKETING LEGISLATION

### Stop the ringing

It has been a long day. Work was a hassle, traffic even more of a hassle, and you're looking forward to sitting down with the family for a relaxing dinner at the end of a frustrating day.

But just as you carve into the roast beef the telephone rings.

Not again.

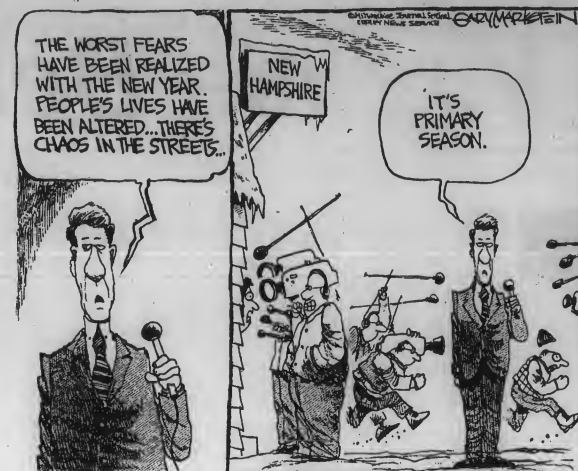
You've just been "rung" by a telemarketer. There's no escaping them. From morning until evening, your telephone is the receiver for yet another form of advertising — one you neither solicit nor welcome. So how do you get the calls to stop?

Virginia Del. George W. Grayson (79th District) got fed up with dinner-time calls from telemarketers hawking credit cards and other items. In turn, he has introduced the Virginia Telephone Privacy Act-House Bill 411, a possible godsend against these telephone intruders.

It's a measure we can all appreciate: It permits individuals, families and businesses who do not want to receive unsolicited "junk" phone calls to place their names on a state registry. If telemarketers — who must purchase an updated copy of this registry every 90 days — continue to call the registered numbers, they would be subject to fines under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

To let our local legislators know your feelings on HB 411, it's your turn to pick up the telephone, 1-800-889-0229.

And, incidentally, the General Assembly staff won't transmit that message to your legislator during dinner-time! Kind of makes you feel better, doesn't it? — V.E.H.



## How I miss Main Street

Every Saturday morning in the same ritualistic style that my family set off for church on Sunday, my dad and hundreds of other moms and dads from my hometown gathered up their family members who wanted to go for the weekly trip downtown.



### Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

But it was mostly about seeing friends and neighbors and patronizing the local businesses that lined Main Street in my medium-size hometown, USA. All the bemoaning of the loss of community-life in modern America is clearly justified. As a people, we are unquestionably the poorer for the loss.

It's as if an invincible hand reached into a well-kept garden, beautiful for its full blossoms, order and variety, pulled up both dense and sparse sections by the roots, and flung them willy-nilly wherever their future seeds might fall. The demarcation between towns and cities has been lost, and with it the sense of communal bonding that belonged to both.

There are no more Main Streets, and even where the name persists, it has totally lost all of its meaning. Ironically, you are more likely to encounter community-gathering ways-fares in some of revitalized areas of our major cities these days than in small town America.

But we don't have to stand idly by

**But we don't have to stand idly by while our American way of communal life disappears before our very eyes.**

genuine city center? That means trees, bike paths, fountains, cafes and small shops that line both sides of the boulevard at least from Kempsville Road to Johnston.

I am reminded of the famous line from "Field of Dreams" — "If you build it, they will come." Which puts me in mind of how much I believe Chesapeake would benefit from a sports arena in its downtown area.

There is no question that Scope and the Coliseum are each single-handedly responsible for the recent revitalization of both Norfolk and Hampton. They led to the resurgence of museums, theaters, specialty shops and eateries to service those who once again rediscovered the joy of going downtown.

And, if not a sports arena, why not a town square complete with a farmers' market, town hall open to all community organizations for a nominal fee, open pavilion for live bands, art gallery, children's arcade and specialty shops of all kind?

But, most of all, Chesapeake has failed to take advantage of its most valuable resource — its waterfront. Anyone who has visited Annapolis, Md. knows how foolish we are not to have a thriving open market, marinas and seafood eateries dotting our shoreline that runs through the center of our town. People should be journeying to our city center by water as well as by road.

If our city leaders ever get their ostrich heads out of the financial sector's sand and look around at the natural resources which the Creator endowed our beautiful city on the tidewater of the Chesapeake Bay, our future would be right indeed.

Otherwise, we can only look forward to the continual burial of our environment and our culture beneath a concrete and a tawdry, tinsel-town erected by short-term greed.

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## Confederate flag belongs on memorial

I knew that sooner or later that if I was honest with myself I would have to flag an opinion on the Confederate flag that now flies over the Columbia

State House in South Carolina.

First, let me make it perfectly clear. The decision on what to do with the flag should be left up to the people of South Carolina, not a bunch of out-of-towners who are there to sign up members to various organizations and collect money for their treasures.

### The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

This is a very emotional issue for both sides and I can understand how blacks view the flag. Since the State House represents all the people, it should come down and be placed to fly from a Confederate Memorial. It is unreasonable for blacks to expect the complete destruction of all Confederate flags in America.

It just ain't gonna happen. I resent the use of the flag by skin heads, KKK or any other organizations or clubs that use the flag for any other purpose other than to honor the brave men who fought and died for a cause that they believed in, which in most cases was not slavery.

Sadly, many young men died in the Civil War not knowing really what it was that they were fighting for. When one young trooper was asked why he was fighting the Yankees, he said, "Because they are here."

There was more to the Civil War than just slavery. States rights had a lot to do with it, but it's more appealing to use slavery as the reason.

In the relatives in the Civil War and, to the best of my knowledge, they killed white Yankees, not slaves. If anybody should hate the Confederate flag it should be white Yankees, but they respect those brave Confederate soldiers who killed their ancestors just as the Yankees killed theirs.

"The day will never come when the Confederate flag becomes extinct. It is a part of American history, although there are some who are trying their best to rewrite it."

I think the flag should be lowered with a ceremony and placed on a Confederate memorial on the grounds of the Capital.

After all, white South Carolinians have rights to the Capitol grounds as much as blacks do. Compromise should be reached. Discussions should be held between legal residents of South Carolina, not bussed in rabble rousers. If no compromise can be reached, then the flag should be placed on a Confederate memorial on the Capitol grounds and let the Confederate flag haters march all they want to. They will get tired sooner or later.

Welcome to the real world.

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## Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

When I awoke this morning a blanket of snow as sweet as powdered sugar spread across my yard, an invitation to hunker under the warm covers and arise a few hours later.

But I didn't, of course. After gluing myself to the television for the official closing reports — like everyone else did — I stepped into a steamy shower and prepared for

the day. After dressing in sturdy boots, jeans and a thick sweater, then dressing my son likewise, it finally sank in that it was no ordinary day.

It was a "snow day," an event so rare in Hampton Roads that grown adults react in two manners: 1) Hoping around and singing, "Let it snow, let it snow," or 2) Cursing under their breath as they slip and slide their way along the road to work.

I'm in the middle.

While dressing Mitchell for his day at the babysitter's, I explained to him there was a need to stay extra warm and bundled up. Being 15 months old, the idea of snow is a new one to him.

Then I took him to the bedroom window, opened the blind and let him gaze out on the snow-covered patio. It was bright enough to cause him

to "ooh" and "ahh" as I explained, "That's snow. Isn't it pretty?"

In turn, he pointed his chubby index finger and repeated, as toddlers do, "Snow. Snow. Snow."

As I packed him into a snowsuit, I hoped the pretty flakes would last long enough for him to build a snowman — one of the magical experiences of childhood.

Snow, as I've said before, brings out the kid in us. Take, for example, Brandi, our advertising representative at the newspaper. As the storm clouds gathered Wednesday, she hopped around with wondrous glee, practically chanting, "I hope it snows. I hope it snows. I hope it snows."

By noon we were almost chanting along with her.

There's just something about a fresh snow cover that stirs the emotions. Probably because it appeals to the child in all of us.

Stepping out onto the front porch with Mitchell in my arms, it was like entering a world where everything is clean and pure, whitewashed in a

blanket of snow.

Have you ever noticed how the sounds outdoors are so muffled when it snows? There's little to assault your eardrums.

Or have you ever noticed how fresh the air smells after a good snowfall? Breathing in the frigid air is a refreshing experience.

I like to do things when it snows that I often don't do:

Savoring a cup of hot chocolate made with milk and topped with whipped cream.

Languishing in a hot bath with a good magazine.

"Vegeting" out and watching movies instead of doing my chores.

Riding around and just looking at the pretty scenery.

Donning colorful, toasty sweaters normally too warm to wear.

Granted, this particular snow only lasted until the rain began falling and created a slushy, ugly, gray mess. But for a few hours it was simply beautiful.

We need that every now and again.

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### What's your opinion?

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## A banner year for development in '99

The city of Virginia Beach had a record-setting year economic development wise. Capital investment rose to nearly \$170 million for expansions and new constructions. This is more than double the capital investment



**The Mayor's Report**

Mayor Meyera Oberdorf

Virginia Beach had during the previous two years combined. Additionally, the \$11 million Virginia Beach Sportsplex, a joint venture between the city of Virginia Beach and Hampton Roads Sports LLC, parent company of the Mariners professional soccer team, played a full season in 1999. Heron Ridge Golf Course officially opened in April. The formal grand opening of the \$15.5 million PGA Tour Tournament Players Club (TPC) of Virginia Beach took place in June. Much work was completed on the 31st Street Redevelopment Project, with an approval by City Council early in July 1999 to proceed with the project.

Airport Industrial Park, Corporate Landing Business Park and Oceana West Corporate Park had a considerable amount of activity. The availability of investment capital and the ability of the Authority to leverage the city's Economic Development Investment Program (EDIP) funds has proven to be a positive and powerful combination in attracting businesses to locate, expand and remain in Virginia Beach.

Within the three major business/industrial parks — Airport, Corporate Landing and Oceana West, 15 new businesses located and 27 existing Virginia Beach companies expanded their facilities, including Incape Shipping Services, ICT, Inc., Alltel, Picus Communications, MG Miningers, Bay Mechanical, S&K Sales Company, SAIC, Stihl Inc., Amerigroup, Lifeline, Labels Unlimited and Vista Graphics to name a few.

The location of GEICO Direct's \$45 million telephone sales and service center, which opened in October 1998 in Corporate Landing Business Park, was named among the Top 10 economic development projects of 1999 by *Site Selection* and *Plants, Sites & Parks* magazines. The Department of Economic Development was also awarded in honorable mention from *Site Selection* as one of 1999's Top Development Organizations.

## Higher Ed Center hosts global violence talk

Old Dominion University's Center for Global Business and Executive Education will host a three-day workshop on "Violence in the Workplace" Feb. 8-10 at the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center.

The program is geared toward professionals in security, human resources and employee assistance programs in schools and universities, business and industry, health care facilities and other organizations.

It will focus on developing an organized plan to reduce the chance of workplace violence. Participants

**The authority assisted seven companies during 1999, utilizing \$1,155,000 of Economic Development Investment Fund Program (EDIP) funds, which leveraged in additional \$53,580,000 in capital investment.**

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The Virginia Beach Development Authority (VBDA) continues to serve as a conduit for the acquisition of bonds for the purpose of enhancing business in Virginia Beach. New issue bond activity is confined to manufacturing, low-income housing and tax-exempt entities, due to their more favorable interest rates.

Additionally, older bond issues are presented to the authority for bond modification and refunding. The VBDA authorizes issuance of a total of \$183,272,246 in bond funds during 1999.

The authority assisted seven companies during 1999, utilizing \$1,155,000 of Economic Development Investment Fund Program (EDIP) funds, which leveraged an additional \$53,580,000 in capital investment to the city of Virginia Beach and created 2,573 new full-time jobs.

In support of the authority, the Department of Economic Development has averaged a total of 85 to 90 active projects on a monthly basis over the past 12 months. Clients with whom the department works often select a site in the city of Virginia Beach because of the amenities and uniqueness of the city.

Among the list of clients are a number of both national and international companies which have excellent potential for sites in one of the authority's business and/or industrial parks or in one of the many privately developed office and/or industrial buildings or sites in the city.

Both the city of Virginia Beach and the Department of Economic Development are extremely optimistic about the new millennium and are looking forward to another banner year in 2000.

Cynthia Whitbread-Spanoulis, Department of Economic Development, contributed to this column.

will learn danger signs to watch for, ways to foster a more positive environment, crisis planning and where to turn for help.

Led by a team of experienced law enforcement specialists, the workshop will cover media issues, terrorism, post-traumatic stress counseling, benevolent work environments and more.

The registration fee for the three-day program is \$395, which includes a workshop manual, study materials and refreshment breaks. For more information or to register call, 683-4603.

**"Six Degrees of Inspiration" is a collaborative exhibition with the Peninsula Fine Arts Center.**

the music and motion of dances from Mexico, the Philippines and Poland, all performed in beautiful traditional costumes. Bring the kids. Underwriting is provided by Bank of Tidewater and Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. Cosponsored by the Multicultural Alliance of Virginia.

Voices of Expression, Sunday, Jan. 30, 2:30 p.m. — In conjunction with "Six Degrees of Inspiration" this program imports fun from around the world.

## Up close and personal

### Karen Gulbranson: 'Schooled' in PR

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

It's a Wednesday afternoon and Karen Gulbranson is anxiously waiting for the final word to come down from administration: Will Virginia Beach City Public Schools be open or closed Thursday because of the inclement weather forecast?

If it snows, she explains, Virginia Beach will have to schedule yet another makeup day. Since hurricanes Floyd and Dennis dealt a one-two punch last fall, creative scheduling has been the name of the game.

She arises early that Thursday with the answer. Pretty as it is, the snow blanketing Virginia Beach means children will be headed to school, most probably, on Presidents' Day in February.

The most pressing need is for word to get out to Virginia Beach parents that public school is closed for the day.

On the job less than a month as the schools' new public information coordinator, Gulbranson's 15 years of public relations and media experience is put to work again.

"There's always something going on — it's never dull," she notes, an apt observation considering the varied audiences which she must serve.

As public information coordinator for the division's Department of Media and Communications Development, she's responsible for media relations, special events management and editing the schools' employee newsletter.

Gulbranson brings valuable skills from her most recent job, director of public relations for a local advertising and consulting agency.

"I had worked with state government clients before, so I was used to working with the public sector. What attracted me most to this position was I knew the person who was retiring from the post (Joe Lowenthal) and had heard wonderful things about this department," she said. "Everything I heard was right — they're an extremely professional bunch of people."

She admits filling the shoes of her predecessor is daunting, considering Lowenthal was on the job 21 years and a local public relations "legend."

"It's just a little scary coming in after him," she smiled. "But this is public relations nirvana here. One of the problems that communications people have is getting upper-level management to appreciate the importance of the function and involving it in the front end of things, rather than waiting for the communications people to clean up a mess. Our superintendent, Dr. Timothy Jenney, respects the importance of communications and calls us at the beginning of things. It gives us the leeway to communicate with people and avoid having issues become problems."

The award-winning Virginia Beach schools communication team is tasked with duties which can affect the public's perception of the division. Gulbranson and the others must provide timely and accurate information to citizens about the state's second-largest school system, 78,000 students. They must monitor developments relating to citizen issues and concerns. And they must encourage community involvement through systematic partnerships and volunteer programs.

"Even though I'm on the periphery, it's exciting to be a part of the education process or our children. They are the future of our country," she said.

Gulbranson comes from a creative background. Her experience includes stints in public relations, journalism and marketing, even a multiple-award-winning humor/general column. She is immediate past president of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and a summa cum laude graduate of Old Dominion University.

Since starting the new year with a new job Jan. 4, Gulbranson has established an immediate goal for herself — "to learn the ins and outs and all the names" within the school system.

A Washington, D.C. native, today Gulbranson calls Norfolk home. She lives in Ocean View by the Chesapeake Bay, "but I've been here 12, almost 13, years, so I feel like a native." She particularly enjoys the size and pace of Hampton Roads, noting "it's not too crazy here."



Name: Karen Gulbranson.

**What brought you to this area:** I'd vacationed here and liked the area, so I came here when I needed a "fresh start."

**Hometown:** Washington, D.C.

**Age:** 46.

**Nickname:** The only person allowed to call me a nickname to my face is my granddaughter, Ariel. She calls me "Me-Me."

**Occupation:** Public information coordinator, Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

**Marital status:** I've been married to my wonderful husband, Tom, for almost nine years.

**Children:** I have a son, Jason, 23, who's a probation officer, and a daughter, Kelly, 19, who is studying speech and hearing therapy at the University of Maryland, College Park.

**Favorite movies:** Most recently, "The Green Mile" and "The Sixth Sense." But overall too many to name.

**Magazines I read regularly:** *Public Relations Tactics*, *Time* and whatever is in the waiting room at the doctor's office.

**Favorite authors:** Patricia Cornwell, John Grisham...I enjoy suspense. It relaxes me!

**Favorite night out on the town:** A quiet dinner with good friends, maybe a movie and in bed by midnight. I must be getting old!

**Favorite restaurant:** Alexander's on the Bay.

**Favorite meal and beverage:** I became hooked on champagne cocktails on a recent cruise. My favorite meal is any kind of pasta followed by anything chocolate.

**What most people don't know about me:** I tend to be very reserved and business-like at work, and I'm not that way at all at home. I have a great sense of humor.

**Best thing about myself:** My hus-

band says it's my mind. I'm very analytical. He admires that unless we're having an argument. Then he says I act too much like a lawyer!

**Worst habit:** Excessive worrying — about big things, little things and things that are totally beyond my control.

**Pets:** My long-haired dachshund, Mickey, who doesn't know he's a dog at all. He thinks he's three-fourths human and one-fourth cat.

**Hobbies:** Reading, boating in the summer and spending every moment I can with my precious granddaughter.

**Ideal vacation:** Jewelry shopping and plenty of relaxing in the Caribbean.

**Pet peeves:** "Waiting" and people who think the rules are made for everyone but them.

**First job:** Fast food waitress at a Roy Rogers restaurant. I had to wear a real cowboy hat and say, "Howdy partner, may I serve you, please?"

**Least liked job:** Fast food waitress at a Roy Rogers! See above! Followed closely by being president of my condominium association.

**Favorite sports team:** I'm a D.C. native, so who else but the Washington Redskins?

**Favorite musicians:** Just about anything from Sarah McLoughlin to Cherry Poppin' Daddies. And I love anything from the '60s, '70s and '80s.

**Most embarrassing moment:** I'd be too embarrassed to tell you.

**How I would like to be remembered:** As someone who always did the best I could.

**If I received \$1 million:** I'd retire and write a book, spend more time with my family and travel.

**If I had 10 minutes on national television:** I'd give it to Dr. Timothy Jenney, our superintendent, to talk about some of the wonderful things Virginia Beach schools are doing. It would be my first big on-the-job coup!

## 'Six Degrees' makes debut at Contemporary Art Center of Va.

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia has announced the opening of "Six Degrees of Inspiration," an exhibition exploring immigration and culture through the works of six international artists. The exhibition opens Jan. 28 and will be on view through March 26.

"Six Degrees of Inspiration" is a collaborative exhibition with the Peninsula Fine Arts Center. The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia has planned international-themed events to kick off the exhibition:

■ Opening reception, Thursday, Jan. 27, 5:30 to 8 p.m. — Join a festive evening of art, music, dance and food from around the world as the center celebrates the rich artistic and culinary influences of recent immigrants on American culture. Tap your feet (or sway your hips) to south-of-the-border rhythms performed by Ritmo Latino, a Caribbean duo, and get swept up in

2 to 3 p.m. Free art activities and entertainment. Experience beautiful costumes, traditional song and dance and simple make-n-take crafts with an international flavor.

3 to 4 p.m. The Virginia Opera presents "The New Adventures of Alice in Wonderland." Bring the whole family for the third annual crowd-pleasing performance by the Virginia Opera at the CAC. Join the now teen-age Alice as she travels to the Enchanted Opera Forest, meeting a complement of outrageous and memorable opera characters from around the world, including Carmen, the Modern Major General from "The Pirates of Penzance," Madame Butterfly and Paganini from "The Magic Flute," Hansel from "Hansel and Gretel," and Olympia and the Toy Maker from "The Tales of Hoffman."

This comic opera program features music from such operatic masters as Puccini, Mozart, Rossini and others. This produc-

tion is the perfect introduction to opera while teaching young students about diverse world cultures. Cosponsored by the Multicultural Alliance of Virginia. Admission is \$3 for one child and one adult escort, plus \$1 each additional person. Ages 5 and up.

■ Curator's Gallery Walks, Thursdays, Feb. 10 and March 9, 11 a.m. — Explore Six Degrees of Inspiration with curator Carla Hanzal during this informal tour. Included with regular admission fee.

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is located at 2200 Parks Ave. in Virginia Beach. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Admission for exhibitions is \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and students. Admission is free for children four and under. Call 425-000 for more information.



THE PLAY'S THE THING. "The New Adventures of Alice in Wonderland" will be performed Sunday, Feb. 6 from 3-4 p.m.





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Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

**TERMS: CASH:** A bidder's deposit of \$9,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Between 8 - 11 AM  
Nectar Projects, Inc.  
Substitute Trustee  
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1  
Leesburg, Virginia 20175  
(703) 777-8619

**Public Notice**  
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**TRUSTEE SALE**  
2273 Cape Arbor Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA  
In execution of a Deed of Trust from Stacey R. Veazy dated July 7, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3514, page 120, securing a loan which was originally \$183,350.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on February 4, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

"Unit 2273" in Arbores at Cape Henry, a Condominium, located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map # 1499-39-7650-2273.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

**TERMS: CASH:** A bidder's deposit of \$17,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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**Public Notice**  
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**TRUSTEE SALE**  
2113 Alwood Court  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Thomas E. Croft dated April 10, 1999 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 4067, page 379, securing a loan which was originally \$124,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on February 4, 2000 at 8:05 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 3, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Red Mill, Section 1A", Tax Map # 24141950470000. The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

**TERMS: CASH:** A bidder's deposit of \$12,300.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the

time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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**Public Notice**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

**SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:**  
**DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE**  
1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Steven B. Sandler, Arthur B. Sandler and The Estate of Reba Sandler, Deceased. Property is located on the north side of Indian River Road, 260 feet more or less west of Kempsville Drive (GPIN #1465-19-9336). **DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE**

**CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:**  
**DISTRICT 6 - BEACH**

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Collet Properties, Inc. and Collet Chesapeake Partners, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Parker Lane (GPIN #1497-84-3948, #1497-84-5907, #1497-84-7994, #1497-85-9190, #1497-85-8140, #1497-85-9152, #1497-85-9152, #1497-85-9050). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for community business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 3.481 acres. **DISTRICT 6 - BEACH**

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Collet Properties, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the east side of Parker Lane beginning at a point 150 feet more or less south of Virginia Beach Boulevard (GPIN #1497-84-3855, #1497-84-3854, #1497-84-5907, #1497-84-7994). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for community business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for light industrial, business parks and other compatible uses. Said parcel contains 8.433 acres. **DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN**

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:**  
**DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN**

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Kenneth A. Hall for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and repair (expansion) at the northeast corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Malibu Drive (GPIN #1487-65-8046). Said parcel is located at 3516 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 7.371 acres. **DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN**

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Gale Levine for a Conditional Use Permit for boat storage on the east side of N. Great Neck Road, South of Lynnhaven Drive (GPIN #1499-05-7413). Said parcel is located at 2100 Marina Shores Drive and contains 12.4146 acres. **DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN**

**STREET CLOSURES**  
**DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN**

6. Application of James Dempsey & Cynthia Bishop Hayes and Mary G. Battaglia for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of the western terminus of Poinciana Drive and adjoining lane as shown on that certain plat entitled "Proposed Street and Lane Closure, Cape Henry By The Sea Plat No. 2 M.B.32P.8, Virginia Beach, Virginia." Said parcels are variable in width and contain 11,179 square feet. **DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN**

**DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL**

7. Application of Armada/Hoffler Holding Company for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Cleveland Street beginning at the eastern boundary of Garrett Drive and running in an easterly direction a distance of 550.10 feet. Said parcel is 49.99 feet in width and contains 24,829 square feet. **DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL**

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE  
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephone Device for the Deaf).

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**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 9, 2000 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne, Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. **PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION. BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWS-PAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.**

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all of the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

**SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:**  
1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Christopher T. Etel/W.B. Contractors, Inc. Property is located at 2016 60th Street (GPIN #2419-7106679). **DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN**

2. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for George Baylor & Jennie Dozier Cason. Property is located at 590 & 592 Princess Anne Road (GPIN #508-98-3882). **DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE**

**CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:**

3. An Ordinance upon Application of CC, LLC d/b/a Zoos for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-1 Office District to Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District at the northwest corner of Diamond Springs Road and Wesleyan Drive (GPIN #1468-35-7321). The proposed zoning classification change to B-1A is for lot intensity commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 925 Diamond Springs Road and contains 35,693 square feet. **DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE**

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District and Conditional I-2 Heavy Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southeast intersection of Bonney Road and Rodriguez Drive (GPIN #1487-33-8439; #1487-33-1313; #1487-33-1304; #1487-33-1349; #1487-33-1236; #1487-33-1518; #1487-33-0584; #1487-33-1416; #1487-33-1042; #1487-33-0509; #1487-33-0419; #1487-33-0349; #1487-33-0341; #1487-33-1978; #1487-23-9266; #1487-33-0285; #1487-33-2044; #1487-33-9199; #1487-32-

1628; #1487-32-0673; #1487-32-5822; #1487-32-3895; #1487-32-6934; #1487-33-4360). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of these parcels for retail, office and employment support uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 22 acres. **DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL**

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Halabi One LLC for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District at the southeast intersection of N. Whitcomb Road and Admiral Wright Road (GPIN #1467-85-3076). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office, appropriately located industrial and employment support uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 234 N. Whitcomb Road and contains 6,550 square feet. **DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE**

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Aramark Educational Resources, Inc., v/a Children's World Learning Centers for a Change of Zoning District Classification from Conditional O-2 Office District to Conditional O-2 Office District with modified proffers on certain property located on the north side of Ferrell Parkway, 70 feet more or less east of the intersection of Ferrell Parkway and McComas Way (GPIN #2404-97-7196). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional O-2 Office District with modified proffers is for office land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 3.011 acres. **DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE**

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Oxford Properties, L.L.C., d/b/a Dam Neck Self Storage for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District on the east side of General Booth Boulevard, north of Culver Land (GPIN #2415-31-8553; #2415-31-6485). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1A is for lot intensity commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/medium & high density at densities that are compatible with townhouse and multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1874 General Booth Boulevard and contains 2.318 acres. **DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE**

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Oxford Properties, L.L.C., d/b/a Dam Neck Self Storage for a Conditional Use Permit for mini-warehouses on the east side of General Booth Boulevard, north of Culver Land (GPIN #2415-31-8553). Said parcel is located at 1874 General Booth Boulevard and contains 2.318 acres. **DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE**

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Sandra Marie Mavris for a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial kennel on the north side of Old Carolina Lane, west of Blackwater Road (GPIN #1389-39-1691). Said parcel is located at 3464 Old Carolina Road and contains 5.282 acres. **DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE**

10. An Ordinance upon Application of John H. Kurek for a Conditional Use Permit for a residential kennel on Lot 1, Block K, Wellington Woods (GPIN #2408-10-6895). Said parcel is located at 825 Long Leighton Drive and contains 22,500 square feet. **DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN**

11. An Ordinance upon Application of Charles T. Deary, Floyd T. Deary and Irving N. Deary for a Conditional Use Permit for a car wash addition at the southeast corner of Laskin Road and First Colonial Road (GPIN #2407-88-0621). Said parcels are located at 1689 Laskin Road and contains 23,697 square feet. **DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN**

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Hale Bostel, Inc., v/a Shore Drive Marine for a Conditional Use Permit for boat sales and small engine repair at the northeast corner of Shore Drive and Roanoke Avenue on Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 26, Section B, Ocean Park (GPIN #1489-39-9001). Said parcel contains 26,189 square feet. **DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE**

13. An Ordinance upon Application of 7-Eleven, Inc., v/a The Southland Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile service (fuel sales) in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the

southeast corner of Diamond Springs Road and Wesleyan Drive (GPIN #1468-44-3633; #1468-44-8504). Said parcel contains 1.221 acres. **DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE**

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Oceana Church of Christ for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, east of N. Oceana Boulevard (GPIN #2417-16-1260; #2417-16-1370; #2417-16-1164; #2417-16-1060). Said parcel is located at 1460 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1.5176 acres. **DISTRICT 6 - BEACH**

15. An Ordinance upon Application of Crown Communication for a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communication stealth tower (lattice) on the east side of McComas Way, west of General Booth Boulevard (GPIN #2414-07-2637). Said parcel contains 3.53 acres. **DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE**

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Crown Communication for a Conditional Use Permit for a 150-foot monopole on certain property located on the north side of Heffington Drive, west of N. Landing Road (GPIN #1483-63-0099). Said parcel is located at 3308 Heffington Drive and contains 4.903 acres. **DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE**

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Hampton Roads Junior Golf Foundation for a Conditional Use Permit for a golf course on certain property located on the east side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 1570 feet more or less south of Winterberry Lane (GPIN #1494-34-1160). Said parcel contains 40 acres more or less. **DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE**

18. An Ordinance upon Application of new Covenant Presbyterian Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the east side of Kempsville Road, 120 feet south of Quarry Lane (GPIN #1465-23-3375). Said parcel is located at 1552 Kempsville Road and contains 4.46 acres more or less. **DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE**

**STREET CLOSURE:**

19. Application of Five Columbus Center, L.L.C., for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Southern Boulevard beginning at the western boundary of Constitution Drive and ending in a westerly direction a distance of 427.43 feet. Said parcel contains 6,909 square feet. **DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL**

20. Application of Oceana Development LP for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of an existing 50-foot right-of-way, 570 feet west of Bowland Parkway as shown on the plat entitled "Street Closure for Existing 50' Right-Of-Way at London Bridge Gardens" and recorded in Map Book 139, Page 18 (GPIN #1499-49-479). Said parcel contains 20,821.6 square feet. **DISTRICT 6 - BEACH**

**DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 8/12/99:**

21. An Ordinance upon Application of Troy A. Titus for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District and R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on property located 210 feet more or less south of Indian River Road, beginning at a point 572.68 feet east of Kempsville Road (GPIN #1465-37-0414). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, service, office and other compatible uses within commercial centers in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 5221 Indian River Road and contains 1.474 acres. **DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE**

**DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 1/10/99:**

22. An Ordinance upon Application of Leonard Aluminum Mobility Buildings, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and rentals at the northeast corner of S. Military Highway and Providence Road (GPIN #1456-13-2135). Said parcels are located at 980 S. Military Highway and contains 1.4 acres. **DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE**

**DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 1/10/2000:**

23. An Ordinance upon Application of M & K Investments, a Virginia General Partnership for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on Lots 29 & 30, Block 5, Woodland (GPIN #2417-69-9327). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family residential land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban

ban residential medium and high density at densities that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located on the north side of 24th Street, 405 feet more or less west of Barberton Drive and contains 8,755.56 square feet. **DISTRICT 6 - BEACH**

24. An Ordinance upon Application of Road to Emmaus for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the west side of Indian Lakes Boulevard, south of Providence Road (1466-92-1142). Said parcel is located at 1001 Indian Lakes Boulevard and contains 2.6433 acres. **DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE**

25. An Ordinance upon Application of Wawa, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline sales in conjunction with a convenience and carry-out food store at the northwest corner of Shore Drive and Pleasure House Road (GPIN #1479-37-9650, #1479-47-1514). Said parcel is located at 4800 Shore Drive and contains 2.14 acres. **DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE**

26. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach to amend the Site Plan Ordinance pertaining to fees and procedures for floodplain variances.

27. An Ordinance upon Application of Rick E. Burnell, Commercial Investment Properties, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the northeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Southern Boulevard (GPIN #1497-54-6254, #1497-54-7354, #1497-54-8345, #1497-54-7358). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for retail land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for light industrial support services in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.83 acres. **DISTRICT 6 - BEACH**

28. An Ordinance upon Application of Rick E. Burnell, Commercial Investment Properties, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station (gas pumps) in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the northeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Southern Boulevard (GPIN #1497-54-6254, #1497-54-7354, #1497-54-8345, #1497-54-8298). Said parcel contains 1.83 acres. **DISTRICT 6 - BEACH**

29. An Ordinance upon Application of Hampton Roads Fundraising Foundation, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an indoor recreational facility (multi-recreational, meeting and bingo hall) on the east side of S. Military Highway, north of S. Providence Road (GPIN #1456-13-3354). Said parcel is located at 964 S. Military Highway and contains 2.96 acres. **DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE**

30. An Ordinance upon Application of Clark Whitehill Company for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional R-10 Residential District on certain property located on the north and south sides of Proposed Ferrell Parkway beginning at a point 200 feet more or less west of Piney Bark Drive (GPIN #2404-37-1633, #2404-36-1191, #2404-36-4943). The proposed zoning classification change to R-10 is for single-family residential land use on lots no less than 10,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential at low densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 183.320 acres more or less. **DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE**

31. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the Comprehensive Plan by adoption of a Shore Drive Corridor Plan.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott  
Planning Director  
Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305. (TDD - Telephone Device for the Deaf).

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## Grand opening to learning

The Guidance Department at Glenwood Elementary School has officially opened its Parents Resource Center. Parents can come in and check out videos or books on topics that are pertinent to their children's needs. Some even like to visit the center to watch videos with their child during the school day. It's a good time for parents to also talk with a counselor about concerns they may have about their child. Handouts and pamphlets are available at the center. Parents Joann Garman is pictured talking advantage of the resources.

# Buffalo Riders share heritage

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Wright and Lassiter agree — they don't fit the bill.

They're both African-American, for starters, and they're members of an organization honoring the memory of the Buffalo Soldiers.

Begun in 1997, the Buffalo Riders of Hampton Roads were founded to promote awareness of the history and contributions of the 9th and 10th Cavalry of the pre-Civil War era which opened the West for the military.

The name Buffalo Soldier was given as a sign of respect by Native Americans who thought the black soldiers resembled and demonstrated the tenacious spirit of their most sacred animal — the buffalo.

In February, the Buffalo Riders will celebrate Black History Month with a unique 15-mile horseshoe ride through Portsmouth.

"We were trying to come up with a concept in honor of Black History Month — to put Buffalo Riders into the forefront of Hampton Roads," said Wright. "We want to educate the public about the black cowboy. We knew we had to do something in one of the cities."

He figured Portsmouth, being smaller than its counterparts of Norfolk, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, would be receptive. He was correct.

"The ride will put Portsmouth on the map as far as things that are

unusual. Where are you going to find 40 black riders coming down the street on horseback? Most of the time you don't even see black riders. It's like, 'What are you doing riding a horse?' That's where we have to educate people," he said.

Wright, a graphic artist and president of the Buffalo Riders, grew up in Richmond and frequently made trips to relatives' farms. By age 7 he was roaming the countryside on horseback. That love carried over into adulthood.

Eventually, he learned the importance of the black cowboy to the old West.

"The name 'cowboy' actually came from the black cowboys, like Bill Pickett, who were bulldozing. The 'boy' was derogatory," he explained. "So the black cowboy has been around for years and years."

According to Wright and Lassiter, the Portsmouth ride has been well received by the city.

"When I called the city officials they let red excited about it. They asked us, 'What do you want us to do?'"

The event, which is open to all horseshoe riders, is Saturday, Feb. 19. It will begin with a 9:30 a.m. lineup just off First Street near the WAVY-TV facilities. The ride will start promptly at 10 a.m., proceeding north on First Street to Crawford Street and then turning west on High Street.

The riders will continue west on

High Street until they reach Churchland and turn around near Churchland Shopping Center.

The riders will then travel east on High Street to Frederick Boulevard, head south on Frederick to Portsmouth Boulevard, travel east on Portsmouth to Effingham Street, head north on Effingham to High Street, then Crawford Street back to the grassy field off First Street.

Mayor James Holley and Vice Mayor Bernard Griffin have been invited to ride along in a horse-drawn carriage. The group will be accompanied by a police escort and street sweepers.

The ride is expected to last three hours.

"We are going to have fun that day — I hope that it's not too cold," said Wright.

The ride is also an invitation for others to join the organization.

"The opportunity was great for me, because otherwise I wouldn't have met these people," said Lassiter, who works at the Ford Plant in Norfolk.

"A new member, Lassiter learned of the club at the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo in Virginia Beach last fall. The rodeo commemorates the achievements of America's black cowboys.

"I was at the rodeo and Ken walked right up to me. I'm basically shy of strangers. He approached me because I was the only one in the audience who was dressed up western," she said.

"I thought she was part of the rodeo," Wright mused.

"But my clothes were real because I've been around horses for years. Buddy is my third horse. I'd been out of it for a while, but I still loved the rodeo. The first time I went to Bill Pickett, I had never seen black folks 'rodeoing' like that. For a long time I thought I was the only black person out there."

"I knew I was probably the only black female riding in Virginia Beach. I was shocked to see those women at the rodeo barrel racing worlds, and will answer the question, 'What is the Earth made of?'"

Indicating the caliber of speakers the program features, Levine described Rummel's unique duties with NASA. He conducts testing on samples of rock brought back to Earth from other planets to be sure that there are no organisms in the samples that would be fatal to humans. Rummel is traveling from Washington, D.C. to conduct the workshop.

"Dr. Rummel is not only NASA's planetary protection officer," said Dr. Joel Levine, "he is Earth's only planetary protection officer."

According to Rebecca Hersey, "The only unfortunate thing about this program is that there are not enough people getting in on it."

For more information or enroll for the workshop call Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast, at 547-4405 ext. 246.

# Beach Crime Solvers lauded

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agrees, explaining that they publicize the criminals on television, cable and in local newspapers. Cox Channel 11 carries pictures of those wanted by police about five or six times a day.

"Advertisers fight to come on after the pictures of those wanted come on because they know people are watching," Cashwell said.

He is one of three investigators assigned to the city's Crime Solvers program.

He says that Crime Solvers isn't a police program, but rather a community-based program that helps the police gather the missing information they need to solve unsolved crimes.

"The community knows what is going on," he said, adding that many residents don't always want to talk or get involved, but when they are guaranteed anonymity they are more willing to provide the missing information.

"That is the word we try to get out," he explained. "You will remain anonymous. You will not appear in court. You will not have to testify. That is what we preach."

Ralph Lampert, chairman of the Virginia Beach Crime Solvers board, says that concept is central to the program's success.

"It would be so destructive to the program," he explained, if citizens couldn't be assured their anonymity.

In exchange for information, citizens are awarded up to \$1,000 for tips that help solve crimes in investigations that reach a dead end. However, Lampert noted that many of those entitled to a reward don't

pick up their money.

"They just want to stamp out crime," he explained, adding that citizens are not concerned with being rewarded.

Because Crime Solvers is funded by area businesses and private individuals, the program's board of directors — which consists of about 30 members — are responsible for raising the money, said Lampert.

Those funds not only help to solve crimes, but Cashwell also cites other advantages to this program.

"We save the taxpayers a lot of money," he said, explaining that fewer detectives need to spend time knocking on doors and interviewing possible witnesses to crimes because the individuals are coming forth on their own through this program.

Cashwell admits that while many cases would not be solved without Crime Solvers, some would anyway with extra time and manpower.

"We are not saying Crime Solvers is an absolute," said the detective. "It is another tool."

That tool has resulted in 37 awards for the program over the past 18 years, recognizing Virginia Beach Crime Solvers for "The Most Dollars Recovered," "The Most Cases Solved," and for their productivity.

While the city's program may have a proven track record for catching the criminals, Lampert said that Crime Solvers should also affect those thinking about committing a crime.

The deterrent is hard to measure, but its got to be there," he explained. "We hope it is."

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"Wedon't deal with anger and attitude," Shifflett said softly, "but we offer the opportunity to get together with other people with disabilities to compete or spectate, and it is a great way of networking and interacting with the community."

Jeremy Demetris of Chesapeake, 30, also found a new beginning in Sun Wheelers Sports. He was 20 when he was involved in a serious automobile accident. The



CAN-DO SPIRIT. Jody Shifflett of Virginia Beach is president of the Sun Wheelers, a wheelchair sports organization with members ranging in age from 8 to 64.

driver, a good friend, was killed, and Demetris spent three months in the hospital recuperating. His injuries were severe and his right leg was amputated above the knee.

"After I lost my leg, I was bored," he said. "I heard about wheelchair sports and became involved with wheelchair basketball in 1991. Last year, we won the national championship game in Chicago."

Demetris' disability also changed his life.

"I thought that life as I knew it was over," he said. "I was pretty depressed."

Today, he works as a brick layer and deems himself still loves to fish and hunt, and has been happily married for three years to his wife, Kelly.

"I'm thankful to be alive," he said. "I don't drink, don't smoke and I go to church. In fact, I'm an elder in my church."

Sun Wheelers Sports also played an important role in his rehabilitation.

"Playing basketball is good for your health and cardiovascular sys-

tem," he said. "It also teaches you how to be a team player."

Demetris said being involved with the group has enabled him and his wife to travel with the team to places where they might never have gone. They've been from Canada to Florida and as far west as Kentucky.

However, many of the trips were in conjunction with Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation and the funds are being cut. The organization also relies heavily on corporate and private donations.

Shifflett said the operation is bare-bones, and the basketball team often rents a van and trailer to travel to an event. Even getting into the van is an adventure.

"It's quite a sight," he said. "We put the wheelchairs in the trailer, about a third can walk and a couple of the guys have to drag them selves into the van. One guy can

hop, so he hops."

Shifflett said the degrees of disability vary, and some use the wheelchairs because it's a faster way to get around. He estimates four times faster. He even puts knobby tires on his to weed-eat the lawn.

Sun Wheelers also provides disability awareness programs to public schools, perform half-time exhibitions at games, corresponds with paralyzed veterans in Mid-Atlantic region, march in parades and send out announcement letters to all Virginia spinal cord injury registry members.

The organization is open to all people with disabilities and it is always interested in new sports and open to suggestions.

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